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## How £4 taxi ride turned into a trip to the heart of an old darkness

David Sharrock  
Ireland Correspondent

**T**HE barman's voice was hoarse. "Is this it, are we going back into it all again?" he asked. Outside Doc's Bar, an RUC woman was guarding the entrance to Montague Road, where the body of Michael McGoldrick had been found early yesterday by a local man out hunting rabbits.

The forensic work was at its painstaking end and now, at three o'clock, Mr McGoldrick's body was being removed from his taxi. Shot in the back of the head, found slumped over the wheel of the car he shared with another driver, his day-shift partner. It was a £4 fare at the end of Sunday in Mid-Ulster which was dragging Northern Ireland back down into the 25-year darkness.



Michael McGoldrick... shot in back of head

the call. A pick-up at Centrepoint, Lurgan's ten-pin bowling, cinema and pub complex, a mixed place in a town bitterly divided at its heart between Catholic and Protestant. Name of Lurgan, going to Aghagallon, a Catholic village four miles away on the shores of Lough Neagh.

That was at 15 minutes past midnight. The drive to Aghagallon spins through picturesque postcard countryside, past St Michael's Grammar School, over humped-back bridges. The news of the murder did not filter out until mid-morning. Day Two of the Siege of Drumcree Mark II, by which time the pace of events was running beyond the Orange Order's pledges of orderly protest. Palls of black smoke hung over Portadown from burning vehicles, rush-hour traffic was snarled at improvised road blocks and two more youths were in hospital with plastic bullet injuries.

By the end of the day the main Unionist parties had pulled out of the all-party talks at Stormont in another sign that the "peace process" was expiring. Mr McGoldrick's parents were finding it difficult to get back from their holiday on the coast, the disturbances blocking their path back to Lurgan and a dead son.

He was born and grew up in Glasgow, regularly came to Ulster, met a local girl, gave up his job as a psychiatric nurse, married, had a daughter. The parents returned to live in their native Lurgan after a long absence. The peace was great. A family again. And another child — another grandchild — due in the autumn.

On top of all that, there was even more to celebrate. Michael graduated last Friday from Queens University, Belfast, in English and politics.

Thirty one years old and keen to start a new career as a teacher, the taxi work kept the family ticking over. It used to be a pretty dangerous line of work but the cessfires changed all that, didn't they? Now, suddenly, his wife Sadie, aged 29, is left to bring up seven-year-old Emma and the next — their last — child alone. The family did not want to speak but issued a statement.

David Hencke  
Westminster Correspondent

**T**HE Cabinet is split over who should win a £2 billion contract crucial to the country's security — the replacement for the RAF's 30-year-old fleet of Nimrod surveillance aircraft due to be announced on Thursday.

John Major cancelled a meeting last week of the Defence and Overseas Policy Cabinet Committee, which was to decide whether GEC-Boeing or the British Aerospace-Boeing consortium should win the deal. Thousands of jobs are at stake in Conservative marginal seats depending on which is successful — with Scotland benefitting from GEC, and the north of England gaining from British Aerospace.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, are backing the GEC-Boeing deal on the grounds that it could bring more hi-tech jobs and export orders to Britain, as the Lockheed Orion aircraft is already the choice of foreign navies.

Michael Portillo, the defence secretary, is supporting the British Aerospace consortium following a recommendation from his ministry's equipment approval committee to refurbish the RAF's fleet of Nimrod jets with new wings, engines and avionics. The BAE bid is also thought to be about £100 million cheaper, despite a last-minute cut by its rivals.

Austin



the elderly Nimrod with a refurbished version incorporating Rolls-Royce engines and new avionics and mission systems, inner wing and undercarriage. But it retains the same fuselage, outer wings and tailplanes.

Export prospects for this model are thought to be slim. But it will create 10,000 jobs, 2,000 with British Aerospace, notably in Brough, East Yorkshire, and Warton, Lancashire. The spin-off will also provide extra work for BAE workers in Farnborough, Ayrshire, Filton, Bristol, Plymouth, and Farnborough, Hampshire; and jobs for Short Brothers in Belfast; and work for smaller companies in Tory marginal seats such as Gloucester, Swindon, Derby North, Harlow, Lincoln, Slough, Weyburn Garden City, and Isleworth.

The GEC-Boeing consortium plans to build a new generation of Orion reconnaissance planes with a GEC surveillance system, Rolls Royce engines, and advanced propellers from Dowty, promising 7,000 jobs. Export opportunities are promising, with a potential big order from the US Navy, which will provide extra work for GEC.

## Seven stabbed in infant school machete attack

John Carvel  
Education Editor

**A** MASSIVE hunt was underway last night for a machete-wielding attacker who forced his way into a Wolverhampton infant school and slashed out at staff, parents and children as young as three while they were enjoying a picnic in the playground.

Up to 100 police officers were searching for a man whose assault left four adults and three children with stab wounds and brought renewed demands for resources from the Government to implement recommendations for strengthening school security after the murder of a west London headteacher in December and the massacre at Dunblane in March.

Last night all three children — two girls aged 4 and a boy aged 3 — were undergoing surgery on what were described as "disfiguring head injuries". A woman, aged 29, was also being operated upon. The attack came towards the end of the school day

when a man in his mid-30s struck out at a woman outside St Luke's Church of England School in Blakenhall, Wolverhampton. Many of the children were at school for the first time, enjoying a party designed to make them feel at home when they began school next term.

The attacker jumped over the fence and struck out at the children as they tried to run inside. Bob Jones, the town's chairman of education, said a mother was injured as she stood in the doorway of the school barring the attacker's path into the building. "We believe he was then chased away by a father of a pupil. If it had not been for those parents, this could have been much worse."

Superintendent Pat Wing of West Midlands police said: "This seems to be a totally senseless and indiscriminate attack on a group of young children playing outside." The attack came four months after the Dunblane massacre, in which a woman teacher and 16 pupils were gunned down by a deranged

attacker. The inquiry which followed concluded that schools could not be turned into fortresses, but that improvements in perimeter fencing, reduced numbers of entry points and installation of closed-circuit TV could improve safety in some cases.

Robin Squire, the schools minister, said the Government was doing "everything we can", but he did not think St Luke's had been identified for any of these measures. Eamonn O'Kane, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "If schools are to implement these recommendations — including perimeter fencing and closed-circuit television — the Government will have to provide significant amounts of money."

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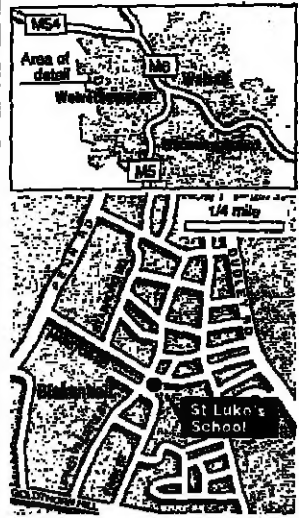
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It's tough to vote for your own pay



Simon Hoggart

MPs vote tomorrow on their pay rise. At the risk of being thought a glib buffoon, I offer 10 reasons why they deserve it. First, it may seem wonderful to vote for your own salary. But it isn't. The rest of us carry for a pay rise, and if we're lucky, no-one knows about it except us and the boss. But if an MP votes for more pay, he is violently attacked by the press and vilified by many constituents. That's why even Conservative wives now buy designer ball gowns at charity shops. Second, there are very few perks. US Congresspersons have private saunas, jacuzzis, health spas, country club—even their own bank, once, and a little underground train to ferry them to their offices. Euro MPs in Strasbourg can call on a free limousine service whenever they like. Our MPs have to use the same airports with rick-rack like us. Third, it's dangerous. In the past 20 years the IRA has killed two of them. Former Northern Ireland ministers have to go round with Special Branch detectives at all times, and their wives are expected to keep them in tea and cakes. Fourth, it's much harder work than you think. People who watch the Commons on television whinge about how few MPs are sitting in the Chamber. But they have better things to do than listen to their colleagues speak. A conscientious MP—and believe it or not, most of them are—could spend his entire day answering the post. Throw in standing committees, select committees, party committees, delegations (please provide eight seats for Prime Minister's Question Time tomorrow, urgently, thank you) is a frequent sort of message) plus voting, speaking, general plotting and filing in questionnaires from the British Beer Mat Federation designed to expose you as no friend of beer mats, so ensuring that you do not receive any votes next election from the powerful beer mat lobby, and you have an 80-hour week without drawing breath. Fifth, it's humiliating. All estate agents know the toe-curling embarrassment of admitting their profession at parties. Imagine what it's like for MPs. Sixth, you have no real power. If you don't vote the party line on almost every occasion, the whips will try to have you out. They will certainly stop you getting promotion, and will take immense pleasure in keeping you off fact-finding visits to the Cape Verde Islands, too. Seventh, there's no professional courtesy. Lawyers look after their own, and call their rivals "My learned friend" even if they detest them. But MPs are obliged to be abusive, often to people they like and admire. Eighth, there's the press. Think what it would be like if there were several people, mostly better paid than you, whose own living depended on pointing out what a lousy job you were doing. Imagine a teacher having to get through the day with a sketchwriter taking notes and chortling in the classroom, or a pundit in the playground, someone billed as "The Man The Fodgones Dread". Ninth, you're never off duty. There are plenty of people in your constituency who see nothing wrong in ringing you at 11 on Saturday night to complain that the council hasn't been round to repair the guttering. Tenth, the public thinks that you can—and should—do anything they ask. One Labour MP tells the horrible story about a woman who came to his regular Saturday surgery and whispered to him, asking if he could have a word with her husband. It turned out that it was his pleasure to commit one form of unpleasant sexual practice upon her, followed immediately by another, somewhat less preferred. "My god, that's disgusting!" he said. "I'd certainly better talk to him." "Oh, you don't need to ask him to stop," she replied. "Just ask him to wash it in between..."



'He was icy cool. He was like a machine in the way he was so efficient'

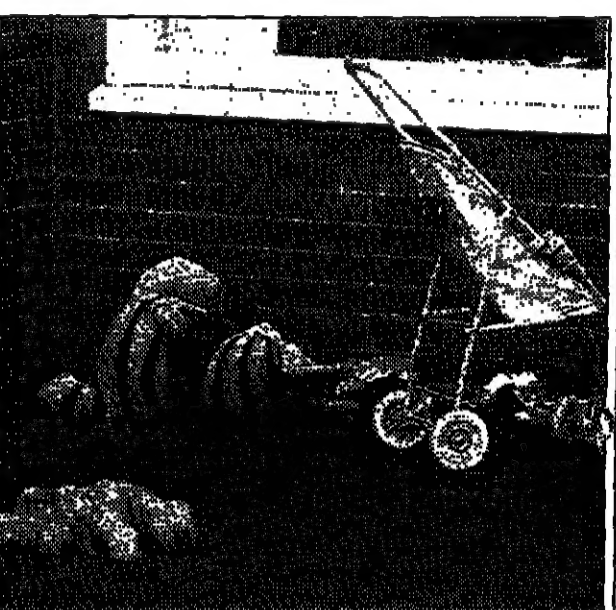


Distraught parents leaving St Luke's School, Blakenhall, after a lone man attacked children, teachers and parents with a machete PHOTOGRAPH: BEN HEAD

Teddy bears and terror

John Mullin on an afternoon's playtime at a Midlands school, and how it was suddenly transformed into a scene of bloodstained mayhem

THE huge mural to the rear of St Luke's Church of England Infants School in Wolverhampton is a happy scene of blue skies, hedgerows and fields. A fine place for a teddy bears' picnic, and the children were having a rare time in the sunshine. It was, for many, their first day at school. This was a taster, a visit to get used to the buildings and to the teachers before starting lessons after summer. Head teacher Denise Bennett likes such a big event in young lives to be a real treat, so the invitation went out to bring along their favourite cuddly toys to the party. But as they lined up in the nursery garden to go back inside, the chattering voices and laughter fell suddenly silent, as had happened at Dunblane Primary four months previously. This time they were lucky, relatively. But the little beige teddy bear lying splattered with blood on the grass was testimony to how close disaster had come. About 3.15pm, as parents filtered along the streets bordered by Victorian terraces and tower blocks, a black man aged around 35, with a beard and trilby hat, arrived, carrying a bag. One report suggested that he hit a woman barring his way into the school. Then he jumped the fence and drew from his bag a long knife. Some parents thought the knife was plastic. Others recognised it as a machete, and the assailant began slashing at the children and their mothers, a teacher, a mum helping out, a playground leader and another woman. They were finishing a cup of tea, and he approached from behind. There was one suggestion that the teacher, after seeing the argument, was ushering the children, all under five, inside when the assailant struck. Powerless to defend the children, still they tried. The toll was bad enough, three children and four women injured, two seriously. Nobody had ever given too much thought to security. There had never before been any violence at the school, and it dates back a century. The 130 infants, aged up to seven, come from working-class stock. Staff were proud of their pupils and their achievements. Babinder Bains, aged 28, arriving to pick up his son, Amar, 6, and niece, five-year-old Kiran, alerted police on his mobile telephone as events unfolded. He saw the assailant jumped over the playground fence. He supposed the man might be a litter collector, until he saw him pull out the two-foot machete. Mr Bains, a courier, watched as he first attacked a woman. "He was icy cool. He was like a machine in the way he was so efficient. He had this cool icy look in his eyes. The teacher just fell to the ground like a lifeless doll. There was blood everywhere. "He then started slashing out at the children and I rushed back into the school telling the kids and parents to get inside. One teacher grabbed hold of three children and locked herself in a store room. "I said: 'Come on, you bastards. Have a go.' He looked at me and moved towards me. He was smiling. He just stepped back and tried to attack somebody else. I went back to check my kids were okay and then chased him."



Children's teddy bears lie scattered after the attack

Diane Reynolds, 22, was waiting on her son, five-year-old Ricky. "All of a sudden I saw this black guy come from behind the church and jump over the fence. "Three Indian women were standing in front of me drinking tea. They were with their kids who had just had a teddy bears' picnic and were still outside on the grass. He went over and whacked one of the Asian women over the head with the blade. "Parents ran to the school, and a teacher locked the door. There were nine mothers and 30 infants inside the room, as the knifeman went into the adjacent nursery class. Mrs Reynolds said: "We were standing on the other side of the locked door, and we heard him trying the handle. I heard children screaming on the other side of the door. "It was horrifying because there was nothing we could do. Whatever he was doing lasted for about five minutes. We suddenly saw him running toward the flats. "He then started slashing out at the children and I rushed back into the school telling the kids and parents to get inside. One teacher grabbed hold of three children and locked herself in a store room. "I said: 'Come on, you bastards. Have a go.' He looked at me and moved towards me. He was smiling. He just stepped back and tried to attack somebody else. I went back to check my kids were okay and then chased him."

First night

Coming home and staying put

Robert Dawson Scott

The Loves Of Cass Maguire Galway

TWENTY-ONE years ago there was no professional theatre in Ireland outside Dublin. Now there are two companies in Galway alone, several more in other cities, and tours travelling to the remotest communities. It was in Galway that it all started when a handful of graduates from the university drama society started something called Druid. (No West of Ireland mysticism about the name, incidentally. Someone happened to be reading Aeschylus and the Druids when they came to register a name. They never meant to keep it. Ah, well.) Druid is celebrating its coming of age with a production of Brian Friel's The Loves of Cass Maguire, one of the three plays which launched the company in the city's Jesuit Hall back in 1975. It is directed, as it was then, by Garry Hynes, and features the other founder members in their original roles, Mick Lally, and Marie Mullen as Cass. The company now plays, as of this year, in the freshly restored Town Hall theatre, rescued from disuse by the town council not expressly for the company, but certainly because of them. Now it's the mighty Abbey that comes to play in Galway. But apart from that, the things which brought Druid to the attention of the wider world, and eventually Dublin, have not changed. As Fintan O'Toole observes in a thoughtful tribute in the programme, the emphasis has always been on "the essentials of theatre—acting and directing." Perhaps it was because they didn't have anything else in the early days. The legacy could hardly be richer. If you see better acting than this in the next 12 months, I commend your good fortune. Friel's play tells the story of Cass, returning to Ireland from America to her now prosperous brother's family, after half a century a step away from skid row. Friel's themes are constant, self-knowledge and self-delusion, the unsatisfactory nature of memory, and the potency of time passing. Initial euphoria at the return of the prodigal turns to the bleak realisation that the uptight family can no longer cope with the life force which Cass carries with her. She is packed off to a rest home where the life force is eventually snuffed out altogether. The details, such as Cass's costume of ill-assorted cardies and skirts (designs by Rob Howell), are telling, and Hynes directs with a light touch. The play speaks for itself, but for one striking image at the very end of many doors opening at once, implying, surely, that the choices are all ours to make. Funny how we cling to 21st birthdays for coming of age. For a theatre company that really telling moment is when the original founders move on. If the company survives, it indicates that it has matured of its own accord. For Druid that moment came in 1990 when Hynes went to run the Abbey in Dublin. The company survived alright but she had a miserable time in Dublin, finding herself constantly on the defensive. Now obviously delighted to be out of all that and back at the theatre, she has found a new director, which means she gets to direct shows but does not have to do the paperwork, she could almost be described as radiant. The company no longer depends solely on her, nor she on it, and both are stronger as a result. No wonder it was such a good party last week.

International Court fudges nuclear arms ruling

No ban, but Britain would have ignored any adverse verdict

David Fairhall and Richard Norton-Taylor THE use of or threat to use nuclear weapons in war would "generally" be unlawful, the International Court of Justice said yesterday. But it avoided ruling on whether such weapons should be banned in an extreme case of self-defence when a state's survival was at stake. The Hague court made the surprise ruling in response to requests from the UN General Assembly and the World Health Organisation, as it emerged that the Navy's chief legal adviser said the court would have been ignored by commanders of Britain's Trident nuclear missile force whatever its findings. "If the Court were to deliver an adverse opinion it would be ignored by the nuclear powers, and the servants of the states concerned—including SSBN [nuclear missile-carrying submarines] commanding officers—would not be acting illegally in obeying the orders and carrying out the policies of the state of which they were citizens." Captain David Humphrey, the chief naval judge advocate, advised earlier this year. In a private legal opinion seen by the Guardian, he said it was "inconceivable, given their existing policies, that the nuclear powers would be presently prepared to relinquish possession of nuclear weapons." He argued that there was no "specific rule of international law, expressed or implied, which outlaws the use, or threat of use, of nuclear weapons per se." The court had been asked by the General Assembly for an advisory opinion on whether the threat or use of nuclear weapons is "in any circumstance permitted under international law." Its ambivalent answer, decided on the casting vote of the president after the court split 7-7, was regarded as disappointing by some anti-nuclear campaigners. They had hoped it would be a first step to getting nuclear bombs banned in the same way as chemical and biological weapons. Nevertheless, it is widely regarded in the international community as a significant development in emerging post-cold war jurisprudence. The court's non-binding opinion was decided by a casting vote from its Algerian president, Mohammed Bedjaoui. The judges finally declared: "The threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law applicable in armed conflicts, and in particular the principles and rules of humanitarian law." They added that: "The court cannot conclude definitively whether the threat or use of nuclear weapons would be lawful or unlawful in an extreme circumstance of self-defence in which the very survival of a state would be at stake." The court dismissed, by 11 votes to three, the World Health Organisation's request for an opinion on whether the health and environmental effects of nuclear weapons would make them illegal. Forty-three governments made written submissions and 22 testified during eleven days of hearings. Two-thirds argued for illegality, but Britain and the other nuclear weapon powers predictably sought to reaffirm their legal status. Australia and New Zealand led the call for nuclear arsenals to be outlawed.

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Former Conservative Party chairman signals his intention to fight for soul of the party after the Hong Kong handover

# Patten takes on Eurosceptics

John Palmer in Brussels

**C**HRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong and former Conservative Party chairman, served notice on Tory Eurosceptics yesterday that he will join battle with them for the soul of the party and Britain's future role in Europe after his return to the UK next year.

In a declaration which clearly pressed his intention of returning to British politics, Mr Patten, who lost his Bath seat at the last general election, said he was ready to campaign in the party and throughout the country against any move to distance Britain from the European Union.

"The party to which I belong and of which I was chair-

man was associated with the historic, important and belated decision to join the European Union. I feel very strongly that Britain's role today and in the future should be to remain at the heart of Europe," he told a press conference in Brussels.

"I would argue, work and knock on doors with as much passion as I can muster for that vision of Britain's place in Europe," he said. "It is inconceivable to imagine circumstances in which Britain would not be part of the building of a strong, prosperous and open European Union."

Mr Patten was speaking during a three-day visit to Brussels for discussions on the future of Hong Kong with the European Commission, the European Parliament and EU governments. At his press conference yesterday he left little doubt that his thoughts



**'I would argue, work and knock on doors with as much passion as I can muster for that vision of Britain's place in Europe'**

Chris Patten on his political future

were already turning to his political future after China's takeover of Hong Kong in June next year, and to the internal party battle over Europe.

"I would be surprised myself if I did not make a noise about this issue after 1997," he is not to say, necessarily, back in the House of Commons," Mr Patten said. "I will be concerned with the issues touching on Europe, and Brit-

ain's place in Europe. It would be surprising if I was not."

Turning to the political challenges facing the European Union after the current review of the Maastricht treaty, Mr Patten said that enlargement of the union to include central Europe and the Balkans should be its overriding priority.

"I am struck by the contrast between the enthusiasm for admitting Spain, Portugal and Greece when they overthrew the shackles of fascism and the questioning about enlargement to central and eastern Europe today," he said.

In words which will be seen by Tory Eurosceptics as indicating his support for still closer European political union in the years ahead, Mr Patten went on: "There is no contradiction between an en-

larged Europe and greater sovereignty sharing in the future." In the face of fierce opposition from the British government, most EU countries have already made it clear they want the inter-governmental conference to agree on more majority voting and greater sovereignty sharing in fields such as foreign and security policy and the fight against crime.

In addition to his formal meetings with the EU Commission and government leaders, Mr Patten will also meet members of the Christian Democrat-led European Peoples' Party, with which the Tory Party is affiliated in the European Parliament. The EPP and most Tory MEPs view the Conservative Party's increasingly strident Euroscepticism with alarm and some see an outright split in the party as next to inevitable

after the British general election.

A leading EPP official said in Brussels yesterday: "Chris Patten is a highly thought of British political figure. I am sure we all believe he will play an important part in the future of politics in his party and in the political life of Britain when he stands down as governor of Hong Kong."

During his visit to Brussels, Mr Patten appealed to EU governments to agree to visa-free travel for all Hong Kong passport holders. This, he said, would be an important contribution to ensuring confidence and stability in Hong Kong ahead of the transfer to Chinese rule. "It is important for the European Union and the international community to ensure that China holds to its promises about Hong Kong's future autonomy and freedoms," he said.

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

## Saudi splurge stuns Arizona

**A**S IF to confirm one of the hoariest stereotypes of the Arab world, the wife of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has stunned the good people of Phoenix, Arizona, with a two-year spending spree that would make Croesus blush.

In a show of the spendthrift habits that made the Gulf oil elite a comedians' favourite in the 1970s, Al-Anud Bint Musaid Bin Jiluwi became a one-woman economic recovery by giving \$100 (about £50) tips, saying for precious jewels in cash and hiring scores of lackeys to attend to her every whim.

The royal — who is incorrectly referred to as the Queen of Saudi Arabia — Phoenix in October 1994 for a spine operation. She was meant to stay for three weeks, but instead pitched camp in the desert city for the best part of two years.

And what a camp. Details of the Saudi sojourn have just emerged, depicting a no-expenses-spared takeover of the plush Paradise Valley neighbourhood. Giving two days' notice of their mistress's arrival, staff of the Saudi embassy in Washington swept into Phoenix to refit the city's Barrow Neurological Institute to match her needs. They took over the hospital's seventh floor, moved out the other patients, repainted the rooms and fitted the floors with priceless Persian carpets.

A top-class chef was brought in, and nurses were taught the finer points of sheikh etiquette. A high-powered satellite dish was installed to keep up with events back home.

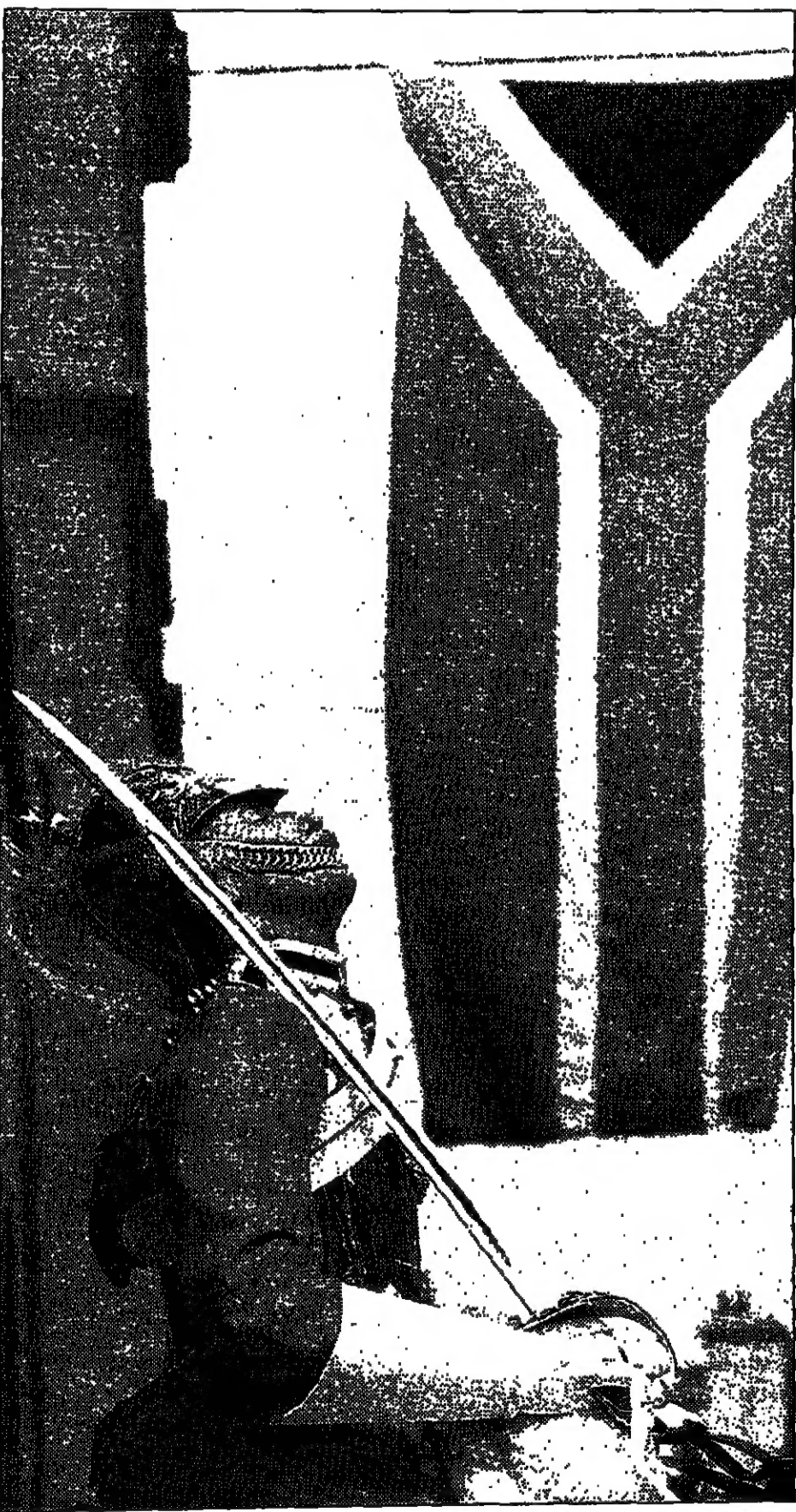
One corridor was lined with bouquets. "Walking down the hallway was like walking in a rose garden," said Volker Sonntag, the neurologist who treated the royal spouse.

As a mark of their gratitude, the Saudi party gave envelopes bulging with cash to hospital staff, including cleaners. Managers ruled that the tips were so substantial they had to be returned.

While the patient convalesced, her 300-strong entourage transformed the local economy. Jewellers were agape as Saudi women shelled out as much as \$30,000 in cash on impulse buys, while the local limousine company had 50 of its cars on permanent stand-by.

The caravan of largesse has now moved on to Los Angeles, where King Fahd's wife has promised to stay for a while before heading home. Californians are said to be hoping she's in no hurry.

## MANDELA IN LONDON: Behind the smiles, an urgent mission to alleviate South Africa's economic crisis



A Household Cavalryman on guard in front of South Africa's flag. PHOTOGRAPH: JACQUELINE ARZT

## Hard-headed City softens to legend of a hero

Ruaridh Nicol

**B**EYOND the royals' smiles this week, and the public's friendly waves, South Africa's economic problems will never be far away as Nelson Mandela — who begins four days of state activities in Britain today — dots his programme with business meetings to attract investment in the "rainbow nation".

Despite all he has done to bring about peaceful change, Mr Mandela will not rest on his laurels but will do everything he can to keep the City's faith that progress in South Africa continues apace. Tomorrow he will address the CBI and the Committee on South African Trade; on Thursday he has an early morning meeting with the chairman of BP, followed by breakfast at the Bank of England; and on Friday he will spend the evening as the guest of the diamond giant, De Beers.

With 30 per cent unemployment in South Africa, and crime out of control, Mr Mandela's government has set out to create 400,000 new jobs a year and double the growth rate to 6 per cent. With the rand falling, anti-apartheid groups that used to fight for sanctions are now crying out for companies to invest.

"The City, a generally cynical place, seems to soften when it comes to Mr Mandela. He is a wonderful visionary and leader," said John Sanders of NatWest's South Africa desk. "There's a real will and desire in the City to see South Africa succeed," said Sir Robin Renwick, former British ambassador to South Africa, who now works for the investment bankers Robert Fleming.

Nice words indeed — which count for little in the real world of international finance. "In the end the City will take a hard-nosed view," Mr Sanders added.

The City lauds Mandela and the ANC for leaving their old beliefs in nationalisation behind and embracing the competitive market. But promises, it says, must lead to action, little of which it has so far seen. What it will want to hear this week is Mr Mandela's plans to reduce crime, a timescale to begin partial privatisation of the telephone industry and the nation's airports, and his commitment to building houses — one of his key election promises. Some in the City think there might be an announcement about privatisation, because of the presence of Stella Sigcau, the minister responsible for the programme.

If Ms Sigcau comes through and the company South Africa has chosen to advise it on its privatisation plans, and 98 companies have expressed an interest so far, then the City will respond.

Britain is by far the largest investor in South Africa, and the City wants to see the economy there grow so investing in infrastructure projects can begin — with British companies to the fore.

While Mr Mandela brings his charm to bear on the various sections of the Establishment, he will know that in this capitalist world it will be the business community that will see his country win or lose.

Sir Robin Renwick, who was ambassador during the dying gasps of apartheid, is feeling good. "To see the new South African flag against the Union Jack along the mall does my heart a lot of good after all that country had to go through," he said.

The South African president would, though, be within his rights to ask where the businessmen who so admire him now were 10 years ago. But of course that isn't his style — not when he is trying to build the "rainbow nation".

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## Mandela's tour of London



- Key**
- 1 Buckingham Palace
  - 2 Home Guard
  - 3 Clarence House
  - 4 Downing Street
  - 5 Guildhall
  - 6 Mansion House
  - 7 Bank of England
  - 8 Houses of Parliament
  - 9 Dorchester hotel
  - 10 Trafalgar Square

### Tuesday 9 July

12.40pm: Inspects the Guard of Honour at the Horse Guards. Returns to Buckingham Palace for lunch.  
3pm: Tea with the Queen Mother at Clarence House.  
8pm: State banquet at Buckingham Palace.

### Wednesday 10 July

7.20am: Plants trees in St James's Park. Returns to the palace for brief chat with Tony Blair.  
1pm: Lunch at Downing Street with John Major.  
4.40pm: Showed with honorary degrees by eight of the country's universities in the garden at Buckingham Palace.  
6.30pm: Receives freedom of the city at Guildhall and Mansion House.

### Thursday 11 July

8.30am: Meeting with the business world at the Bank of England.  
11am: Addresses the combined Houses of Parliament at Westminster.  
1pm: Mandela hosts lunch at the Dorchester for the Queen.

7.25pm: Attends a concert at the Albert Hall that celebrates the music of the two countries.

### Friday 12 July

10.25am: Mandela Watch: Joins the Prince of Wales in Brixton to look over the work of the Prince's Trust.  
11.40am: Mandela watch: Walks in Trafalgar Square with Prince Andrew and then appears on the balcony of South Africa House.  
7pm: Dinner with De Beers deputy chairman, Nicky Oppenheimer, at Apsley House.

### Saturday 13 July

6.50am: Mandela flies out of Heathrow on his way to Paris.

## Cabinet split as aerospace groups compete for £2bn RAF contract

continued from page 1  
work for 15 companies, with GEC-Marconi Avionics gaining £100 million of work in Edinburgh, providing jobs for constituents in both Mr Rifkin's and Lord James Hamilton's marginal seats. Lord James Hamilton is a junior Scottish Office minister. Another beneficiary would be rivals British Aerospace at Prestwick, where GEC plans to sub-contract work to build parts of the fuselage and flight control assembly. Aerostructures Hamble in Hampshire will also benefit from centre and forward fuselage work.

### Nirrod velsus Orion

**Nirrod British Aerospace and Boeing**

**What's at stake**  
BAE/Boeing collaboration is worth 10,000 jobs (2,000 for BAE). There may be export opportunities for the integrated avionics system being made in the UK and used in other planes. Companies set to benefit include Shorts (in Belfast), Westinghouse, Westland, Lucas, Thompson.

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**What's at stake**  
Some 140 firms are involved including Westland, Hamilton, Lockheed Martin. Scotland will benefit from a complete works order worth £200m. There is a complete export potential with the US navy purchasing interest in the new Orion.

**"Vidal da Costa?" I asked. "Yes. Who is it?" "George Monbiot. Can we meet?" "What for?" "I want to talk about what you were doing in 1989." "I've got nothing to say to you." "I want to talk about what you did to the peasants here. When can we meet?"**

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Bulger case haunts same area as neighbour recalls mother's screams

# Police seek three boys in hunt for killer of girl, 9

Martyn Haisell

**P**OLICE hunting the killer of nine-year-old Jade Matthews were last night seeking three boys aged nine or 10 seen near the little-used Liverpool railway line where her body was found. Jade's natural father, Alan Priest, 34, was yesterday detained by police and was still being questioned last night, but detectives said this was part of their routine inquiries. "It does not mean — and it is important to stress this — that we have got the offender in custody," said Chief Superintendent Ray Walker, head of Merseyside CID. Stark similarities to the murder of toddler James Bulger in February 1993 emerged yesterday as a team of 50 detectives extended inquiries across the same area. "We are obviously most anxious to trace these children [the three boys]," Detective Superintendent Geoff MacDonald, who is leading the murder inquiry, said yesterday, adding: "But we have no reason to believe they are implicated in any way."

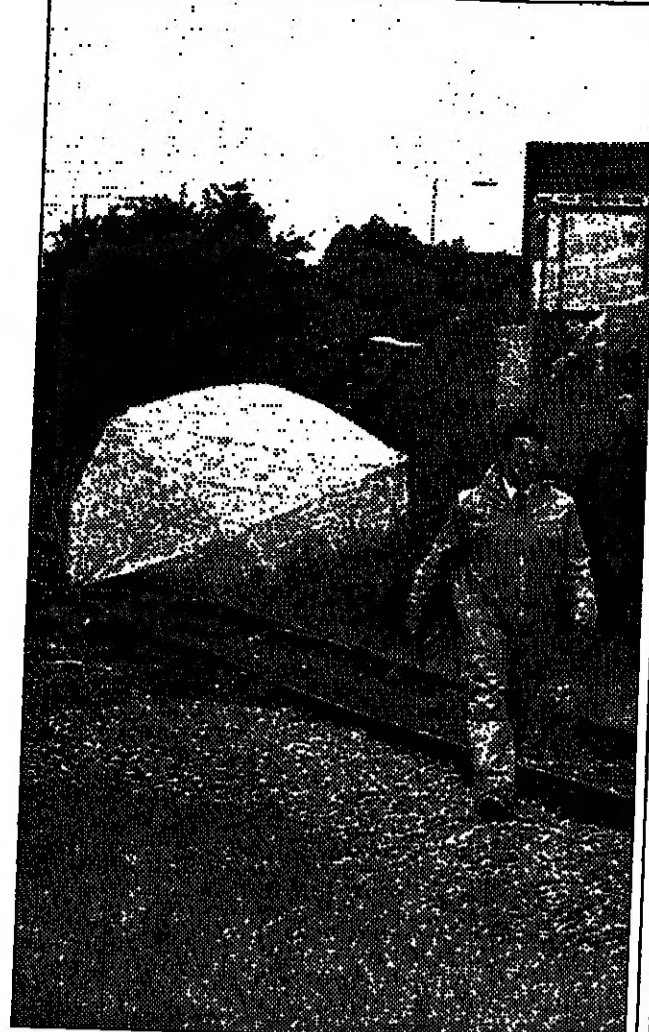
Police were anxious to play down parallels with the Bulger case, in which two 10-year-old boys were sentenced to be detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure for his murder barely two miles from where Jade's body was found. Jade was the only daughter of Denise Matthews, 31, and her stepfather Stephen Matthews, 37. Mrs Matthews and Mr Priest have been estranged for about three years, but police said there had been no custody dispute and no animosity between them. Jade was last seen leaving her terraced home in Bootle, north Liverpool, about 4pm on Sunday to play after her tea, Mr MacDonald — who was also involved in the Bulger inquiry — said yesterday. He added: "We are led to believe she never wandered too far from her home." Some 300 neighbours and friends began a search after Jade failed to return home by 7.30pm and her absence was reported to police about 9pm.

A police dog-handler found her body behind an industrial estate about two miles from her home in the early hours of yesterday. No attempt had been made to cover the body and a number of blood-stained items, including a stick, were removed for tests. Jade, who suffered serious facial injuries, appeared to have died at the scene. Police said there was no immediate evidence of a sexual assault or that she had been abducted. A tent on the railway embankment yesterday marked the spot where Jade was found. On a nearby bridge over the line, local resident Lee Monaghan said he had come to pay his respects. "I'm gutted, it's a shocker," said the unemployed father of two. "I just feel numb... after that last one, James Bulger."

Bob Branch, headmaster of Orrell county junior school, which Jade attended, recalled "a lovely, lively little girl, very interested in sport and very popular with other pupils." He added: "We are devastated. I suppose it's every school's worst nightmare." In the playground, Lena Smith, who has two grandchildren at the school, said the whole neighbourhood grabbed torches to search the area after Jade was reported missing. "We were all splitting up and one lad fell into the canal," she said. "All the young lads on bikes were spinning round, even lads that had been in jail." She remembered the moment the police arrived at Jade's home and said she would never forget her mother's screams, which could be heard several doors away. Jade's next door neighbour, Tommy Clube, 61, said: "I took the dog for a walk last night about 7.30 and passed Jade's mum on the step. She said: 'If you see our Jade, send her in.' She was on the step shouting for her." Local resident Sue Miller, who also went to the railway bridge near where the body was found, said: "It's disgusting. She only asked her mum if she could go out... it's brought the Bulger case back to us."



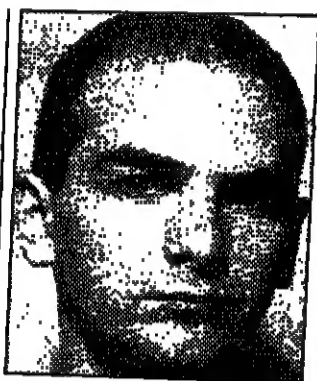
Nine-year-old Jade Matthews, who went out to play on Sunday evening and whose body was found early yesterday



A tent covers the spot by a railway line in Bootle where the body of Jade Matthews was found. PHOTOGRAPH PETER BYRNE

## Leniency call for 'suicidal' jail escapers

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor



Matthew Williams, one of the three Parkhurst escapers

**T**WO murderers who broke out of Parkhurst maximum security prison should be treated with "extreme leniency" the jury in their trial for escaping recommended to the judge yesterday. Both men — Keith Rose, 47, and Andrew Rodger, 46 — were yesterday found guilty at Woolwich crown court, south-east London, of charges of breaking prison, along with arsonist Matthew Williams, 27, who admitted taking part in the "well-planned" breakout from the Isle of Wight jail in January 1995. The escape precipitated a crisis for the Prison Service and the sacking of its director general, Derek Lewis, by Home Secretary Michael Howard when the inquiry report was published in October. The jury's plea for extreme leniency in Rodger's case when the judge passes sentence today, and for compassion in Rose's case, followed submissions that they were so depressed in prison they would have committed suicide had they not tried to escape. Williams, who has a previous conviction for escaping from custody, will be sentenced at a later date after psychiatric reports. Rose had given evidence that he was cast into "the blackest despair" after the Home Secretary formally told him his life sentence meant he would spend the rest of his life in jail. Rodger said he felt the same after his tariff was increased from 12 years to 17. Rose had been convicted of murdering the wife of a supermarket owner by shooting her six times, and Rodger had battered a night watchman to death. The jury also said they

"strongly felt" Rose should be granted a retrial of the murder conviction he had spent years trying to overturn. Rose described their breakout as "a unilateral declaration of parole" to publicise the fight to clear his name, and claimed it was timed to cause "maximum embarrassment" to Mr Howard. Both he and Rodger nodded appreciatively and smiled at the jury as the foreman made their recommendations. Judge Hubert Dunn ruled invalid their defence that they were entitled to the same protection as someone allowed in law to commit a crime to prevent a death. The court heard the escape was carried out with the help of a copied prison pass key, wire-cutters, a home-made ladder and £300 from a prison drug dealer to fund their time on the run. They made the jail shop after noticing a prison governor waving his pass key under inmates' noses when he was in "lecture mode". The plan was for Rose, a pilot, to steal a plane from Sandown airport, but they could not get the light aircraft to start and hid in a derelict house for nearly a week before their recapture.

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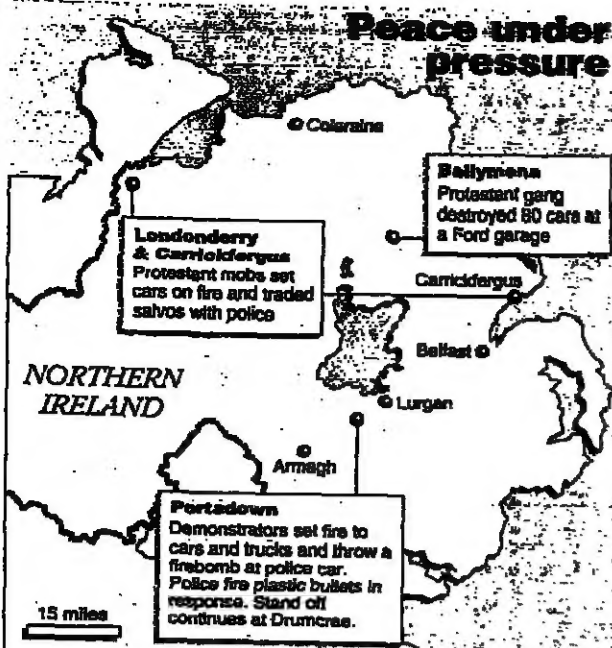
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## Orangeman vents anger at betrayal of history

Owen Bowcott hears from both sides of the sectarian divide as Portadown stand-off leads to violence putting peace talks under pressure



Standing firm... David Benson at Drumcree yesterday: 'I will stay here for as long as it takes to win' PHOTOGRAPH: KELVIN BOYES

### Loyalists

**G**EORGE Benson is buried in Drumcree churchyard. A farmer and loyal lodge member, he followed the Orange Order parade through the outlying fields into Portadown for nearly 60 years.

Yesterday, his grandson, David, stood beside his grave and looked out over a line of barbed-wire entanglements, riot shields and mounting fury.

Unbowed, he snatched a few hours sleep overnight in Drumcree parish hall. "It's our traditional route," he insisted. "It's a public highway. That area was all Protestant many years ago."

He is now secretary of the Loyal Orange Lodge, No 308, and his collar, trimmed with purple cloth and silver braiding, gives pride of place to a commemorative medal. Suspended from a blue ribbon, the Siege of Drumcree, July 9-11 1969 honours those who gathered on the same spot last year to confront the Royal Ulster Con-

stabulary and force through their march.

History, he believes, has turned against the Orange Order. "It's ridiculous. For 25 years those boys on the nationalist estates were killing the police, now they are being protected by them."

"I have walked the parade route for the last two years and my grandfather went that way all his lifetime. It's a religious occasion, not a political demonstration."

A Presbyterian by faith, David Benson, aged 30, works at a local hotel and is married with four children.

"I will stay here for as long as it takes to win. I'm supposed to be back at work on Thursday, but I'll still be here if we haven't got through. Our forefathers lost a lot more than their jobs to preserve our freedoms."

"We are celebrating a great tradition. We often get English visitors at the hotel who think it's a bit childish. If they lived over here, they would understand."

The route into town used to pass through farmland and a rose nursery. Over the de-

cares, housing estates have spread out from Portadown.

In the graveyard, where tents have been set up among the headstones, Mr Benson tends his grandfather's plot before returning to the fray. "I went home for a couple of hours this morning," he said. "I'm not sure when I'll get back again."

For those organising the protest, the mounting toll of arson and felled trees is an embarrassment. Graham Montgomery, an Orange Order spokesman, said: "Burning car showrooms makes it very difficult for us to explain that the Orange Order is making a stand on principle."

"The politicians are encouraging the loyalist ceasefire to hold."

"We want to convince the loyalists that all that can be done is being done and that there's no need to go out and murder people."

"Our plan is to try and stretch the RUC's resources. People will see this through. There's no doubt about that. The determination is definitely there."

### Catholics

**S**QUATTING on a low brick wall alongside the semi-deserted Garvaghy Road, Patrick smiled from under his baseball cap but declined to reveal his surname.

Loyalist gunmen had resumed their killings, he shrugged. It was no longer safe for Catholics in Portadown to be identified.

On the Ballyoran and Churchill estates, through which the Orange Order parade had been due to pass, the atmosphere was momentarily reminiscent of 1969.

That year, when the army was first deployed on the streets of Northern Ireland to quell the rioting, soldiers were greeted as protectors by a grateful nationalist community.

Yesterday girls chatted with squadies beside their parked Saxon armoured vehicles in a recreation area adjoining the Catholic church. The soldiers' pres-

ence was reassurance that the Orange parade would be held at bay.

"For the first time in our history the British army played with us on our Gaelic football pitch," said Patrick, aged 24.

"We offered them a game under Gaelic rules but they said they did not know them, so we beat them 6-0 at ordinary football."

Graffiti declaring "Up The East Tyrone Brigade, IRA" may still disfigure the walls of the estate but the mood had changed.

"I'm very pleased with what the police are doing here. People used to throw petrol bombs and stones at them but recently they have begun to show their thanks."

It was not true that the route of the Orange Order parade had remained unaltered for 200 years, he said. "They used to walk a different route through the tunnel and along Obins Road but when that was stopped, around 1888, they diverted the parade along the Garvaghy."

"The objection is not that they are Orangemen and have different views to us. But they want to march down here because it's a nationalist area."

"If we asked permission for a nationalist parade to go into the centre of the town the police would refuse us. They can't even protect young Catholics who wander up there and get attacked."

"The feeling here now is that the RUC are letting the loyalist protests get out of hand... The authorities should let the British army go in and scoop up all the loyalists protesting."

Married with three children, he fears the riots will bring the Ulster Volunteer Force gunmen back on to the streets in a fresh campaign of sectarian killings.

Across the road an older man said of the parade: "I don't mind if it is just people going to church on a Sunday, but when it's an excuse for them to show their strength and domination of the people around here then it shouldn't happen."

### News in brief

## Poor 'victims in voucher battle'

LABOUR and the Liberal Democrats were ignoring the needs of thousands of children from poor families in the political battle over nursery vouchers, the Pre-school Learning Alliance, the largest pre-school organisation, said yesterday. Today the vouchers bill returns to the Commons and MPs will debate a Lords amendment which would delay a national scheme after this year's pilot in four local authorities, under which parents of four-year-olds receive an £1,100 voucher.

The Alliance appealed to the Opposition not to hold up help to thousands of unemployed or lone parents. Margaret Lochrie, chief executive, said the alliance had serious reservations about vouchers but at least they would help the worst-off parents who now slipped through the local authority net.

Parents of an estimated 290,000 children needed help with playgroup fees and the alliance had launched a £1 million appeal to help them. "Pre-schools charge very modest fees — £2 or £3 a morning — but even those are beyond the means of many parents. The Opposition is choosing to ignore the needs of thousands of children." A Labour spokesman denied parents would suffer from scrapping the vouchers scheme and said the party wanted a genuine partnership with the voluntary sector. — Donald MacLeod

## Student 'died in prank'

A STUDENT died from head injuries after "surfing" out of a car window during a drunken prank, Oxford crown court heard yesterday. Thomas Pickett, aged 21, lost his grip on the car as he leaned back towards the ground.

The driver, Tatsuya Yoshimura, a back seat passenger, Monica Bader, went to his aid after he plunged on to a cycle path on Headington Hill, Oxford, but he later died in hospital. Yoshimura, of Oxford, denies causing death by dangerous driving and causing death by driving without due care and attention while over the drink-drive limit.

Isobel Daykins, prosecuting, said that Yoshimura, Pickett and other friends had been drinking before going to a nightclub on November 7 last year. As the were driving home towards Brookes university Pickett "leaned backwards out of the window. He put his feet, which had been on the car seat, on to the roof of the car." Yoshimura was taken to Oxford police station where a breath test showed he was more than twice over the drink-drive limit. The case continues.

## Former head denies assaults

THE former headmaster of a West Country boarding school entered dormitories late at night and indecently assaulted boys aged between nine and 12, a court heard yesterday. One boy, frightened by what had happened, telephoned the Childline counselling service from a public telephone in the school.

Robert Hay, aged 39, denies seven counts of indecent assault against six pupils. The offences are alleged to have taken place between August 1992 and June of last year. The judge at Bristol crown court has made an order under the Children and Young Persons Act preventing publication of the name and address of the school or identifying the children. Robert Duval, prosecuting, said that until he had resigned as a result of the allegations Hay had occupied a position of trust and responsibility. While on duty at night Hay would regularly visit the dormitories. The indecent assaults were witnessed by three children and the crown intended to call them as witnesses. The case continues. — Geoffrey Gibbs

## Diana considers the offer

THE Princess of Wales had talks with her solicitor yesterday to prepare a response to Prince Charles's divorce offer. Anthony Julius, of the London law firm of Mishcon de Reya, said there would be no statement yet following speculation that details of the divorce package were "not out and dried".

An official announcement of the Prince and Princess's intention to end their 15-year marriage now looks unlikely before Friday. The princess's legal team think it is unreasonable to expect her to reply to the prince's offer, which was delivered last Thursday after more than 10 weeks of deadlock, in just a few days. The offer is thought to include a cash pay-off of between £10 million and £20 million and continued use of Kensington Palace as the princess's London residence.

## Deprived areas may be hit

COUNCILS in deprived areas of England would lose millions of pounds under an "area cost adjustment" of funding recommended by a government-commissioned study. Cornwall, where the county council would have spending curbed by £20 million, North-east cities, and the commuter belt of Essex and Kent would be losers using a revised system of distributing grants and setting spending levels to reflect more closely the cost of delivering services.

Authorities along the Thames Valley, especially Newbury, Reading, Aylesbury and Wokingham, would gain if ministers accept proposals made by a team headed by Bob Elliott of Aberdeen university. Some authorities have long complained that those in London and the South-east unfairly gained from allowances for higher wage costs, and the new system will increase the arguments about how the spending cake should be divided. — James Meikle

## Man jailed for NHS swindle

THE chief of a private air ambulance company who carried out a \$500,000 swindle involving a London hospital was jailed for seven years yesterday. Richard Sage, 54, hoodwinked St Thomas's hospital with grandiose claims about the size of his international firm, Belmont Air and Road Ambulance Services.

He set up a fake US arm to Belmont, and billed St Thomas's for bogus air transfers of non-existent patients around the world. He obtained £219,000 from the hospital, although some of that money was later repaid. Southwark crown court was told Sage, of Woking, Surrey, who enjoyed a lavish lifestyle, embarked on the swindle after he was released from a five-year jail term for earlier deceptions in which he posed as a doctor.

He admitted eight counts of obtaining property by deception, one count of conspiracy to defraud, one count of obtaining a pecuniary advantage, and making a false statement to procure a passport. He was also disqualified from being a company director for 12 years.

## Balti bewilders on fat risk

### Birmingham defends dish 'healthier than fish and chips'

Stuart Miller

IT COULD be the curry world's equivalent of the BSE crisis — an entire industry brought to its knees by a warning that the highly spiced and enormously popular Balti dishes could be a health risk.

But in Birmingham yesterday there was more bewilderment than panic over medical advice that the Kashmiri dishes, cooked in a Karahi wok and based on a traditional tribal recipe were high in fat content because of the use of cholesterol inducing ghee, a clarified butter.

In the home of Balti, few comments are more likely to

### More Brum than Baltistan

BALTI curries seems to have overtaken many of the traditional Indian staples, and yet it is more a product of Birmingham than of the sub-continent, writes Stuart Miller.

There is a Baltistan in Kashmir, but it is unlikely that its residents would recognise the dishes offered in Sparkhill.

If it owes anything, it is to Afghan tribesmen. Balti means bucket. The style of

cooking is that of putting meat and vegetables into an iron bucket and boiling them with spices. In Birmingham and in Bradford, Balti dishes are cooked in a metal pan called a karahi, which is brought to the table.

Elsewhere, the short-cut is to cook the curry and pour it into the wok at the last minute. It is supposed to be eaten with an over-size naan bread, using fingers.

week. That wouldn't happen if there was a problem."

Balti has replaced fish and chips as the most popular cuisine in many cities. In Sparkhill, Birmingham, the number of Balti houses has exploded from eight five years ago to 65 today.

Mohamed Noor, owner of the award winning Royal Naan, said: "Balti is healthier than fish and chips or beefburgers, and a lot tastier. That's why it's so popular. Our food is of very high quality. As far as our food is concerned these warnings are rubbish."

Peter Rainbow, a car salesman aged 23, was enjoying a lunchtime chicken tikka balti and naan bread. "I eat in here two or three times a week and that's not going to change."

Sri Venugopal, president of the Overseas Doctors Association which issued the warning about Balti and other high-cholesterol foods, said: "We were talking in general terms about fatty foods. I eat Balti myself and the key is moderation."



Finger lickin' good... a customer tucks into his Balti based on a traditional tribal recipe PHOTOGRAPH: MIKE SHARP

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# Iranians form 'terror force' in Bosnia

Foreign Islamic 'holy warriors' are going to horrific lengths to remain in the Balkan state, writes **John Pomfret** in Tetovo

ISLAMIC militants from Iran and other foreign countries are using forced marriages, kidnappings and the occupation of property to remain in Bosnia in violation of the Dayton peace accord, Bosnian officials have claimed.

The departure of about 2,000 foreign Islamic fighters from Bosnia was a condition of both the Dayton accord and a US-led programme that would arm and train Bosnia's army. But Bosnian officials said they thought several hundred Islamic fighters remained and US officials believe they pose a threat to US forces.

The CIA director, John Deutch, visited Bosnia on Friday where a government source said a main topic of his discussions with government officials in Sarajevo was the possibility of an attack on Americans in Bosnia following the truck bombing in Saudi Arabia last month that killed 19 US airmen.

Backed by members of a political party headed by the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, the Islamic fighters — who call themselves *mujahedin*, holy warriors — are establishing themselves in a broad swath of central Bosnia, particularly in villages around the cities of Travnik, Zenica, Zavidovici and Kakanj, Bosnian officials said.

Most of the fighters, who came to Bosnia during the

war, are Iranian but there are also Palestinians, Lebanese and other Arabs, the officials said. No effort has been made to remove them, they added.

Throughout Muslim-controlled central Bosnia the Islamic fighters act as a kind of paramilitary guard for Mr Izetbegovic's Muslim and increasingly nationalist Party of Democratic Action. Sources said they are particularly close to Semsudin Mehmedovic, the main Bosnian police official in the region and an influential hardliner in Mr Izetbegovic's party.

Mr Mehmedovic has nurtured and protected these men as part of a plan to create a reserve force to terrorise potential political opponents, to

harass Serbs and Croats, and to pressure Muslims who might not support Mr Izetbegovic, local officials said. He has done so, they added, with the backing of Mr Izetbegovic's party, which appears to be prepared to use muscle in the national elections scheduled for September 14.

On June 26, the US said that the Islamic fighters had either left Bosnia or had been removed from the government's army and security services. But officials in central Bosnia said many had simply moved over to the police.

Some of the militants plan to remain permanently and now have Bosnian citizenship, which up to a hundred have obtained by marrying local women. In a few cases, the women were forced into marriage while officials looked the other way, according to human rights workers.

But ordinary Bosnians appear to be fed up with the lawlessness of the Islamic rule in the small village of Tetovo illustrates. Fahrudin Masinovic is a steelworker. He and his wife, Kasema, have raised two daughters, Eldina and Alina. When war erupted in Bosnia, Mr Masinovic took up his gun and fought for four years. When the war ended, he returned to his job in the steel mill. At the local mosque, he prayed for better times.

But on June 21 Eldina, aged 15, was kidnapped as she was coming home from school. It was part of a plot to marry her to an Islamic fighter. For two days foreigners, working with their Bosnian allies, drugged her and held her captive, the family and local police officials said.

Eldina's sister, Alina, spotted her sister's green shoes as the captors attempted to smuggle Eldina, cloaked head to ankle in a black chador, out of the area and her captors let her go. But they returned to the village later, beat up Mr Masinovic and his

brother and shot at his house as children played inside. Local police tried to help Mr Masinovic but it was obvious that the alleged kidnapers had a friend in the provincial police chief, Mr Mehmedovic, in nearby Zenica. Despite charges of kidnapping and attempted murder, they were released and remain free.

The turmoil changed Mr Masinovic. Unlike dozens of other victims of the *mujahedin*, Mr Masinovic fought back, granting television interviews and talking to local reporters.

Angered by what he believes to be the lawlessness of men who say they have come to help his shattered country, he demanded justice.

Officials in Zenica claim the Islamic fighters fall under the control of an association known as the Islamic Centre of Zenica. Comprising prominent businessmen, politicians and other officials loyal to Mr Izetbegovic, it is registered in Zenica as a humanitarian organisation. The children of families that lost men in the war each receive the equivalent of about £23 a month from the centre.

But according to Bosnian government officials, the centre may also have played a key role in funding a unit of the Bosnian army called the 7th Muslim Brigade. The brigade's training, undertaken by Iran, was modelled on that of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah in Lebanon, Bosnian security sources said.

The Islamic Centre represents a faction in Mr Izetbegovic's party that backs the creation of a Muslim-led mini-state in the heart of Bosnia, a concept that runs counter to the Dayton plan. Bosnian officials said the centre is protecting the militants now because it believes the men could play an important role in any Muslim state that might emerge should the Dayton accord collapse. — Washington Post.

## Security in hands of secretive EU committees

Richard Norton-Taylor

THE foundations for closer co-operation between EU countries on law and order issues including policing, asylum, extradition and terrorism, are being laid by a network of secretive committees in Brussels.

The committees, using such codenames as K4 and P6, prepare decisions affecting the basic human rights of individuals both within and outside Europe.

They enjoy the enthusiastic support of the British government. A particular attraction for Britain is that their work is strictly inter-governmental. The European Commission and the European Parliament are kept well out of the way.

The committees have gained significance in the wake of the recent G7 meeting in Lyon where Western leaders announced a crusade against international terrorism. They are helping to prepare a follow-up conference of foreign and interior ministers in Paris later this month.

Britain is already planning to change domestic law to make conspiracy to commit terrorist acts abroad a criminal offence. The proposal is one of several relating to terrorism being considered by the law lord Lord Lloyd.

The foreign secretary, Malcolm Rifkin, said during a visit to Saudi Arabia after the Lyon summit that Britain intended to deny asylum to anyone engaged in what he called "aiding and abetting terrorism". Under existing British law, the only overseas crime for which foreign nationals can be prosecuted in Britain is conspiracy to commit murder.

The K4 committee, named after the article in the Maastricht treaty under which it was set up, consists of officials from the interior ministries (in Britain, the Home Office) of EU member states. It meets about four times a year and reports to ministers. K4 has three steering groups, covering immigration and asylum, police and customs, and judicial co-operation. Each has five or six working parties, one of which concentrates on terrorism.

Their activities are extremely difficult to penetrate.



Victims of slaughter... Bosnian Muslim families try to identify the bodies of nine Muslims in Svrake, near Sarajevo, yesterday. The bodies were dug out by war crimes investigators who say they were executed by Serb forces in December 1992. PHOTOGRAPH: PETER ANDREWS

## Call to get tough with Serb war criminals

Richard Norton-Taylor

INTERNATIONAL pressure was growing last night for tougher action against Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb leaders indicted for war crimes, including genocide.

Robert Frowick, the US head of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe mission in Bosnia, said the Serb Democratic Union should be barred from the September 14 elections if Mr Karadzic retained any office.

The Dayton peace agreement banned indicted war criminals from holding official positions. Mr Karadzic last week handed over power to the Bosnian Serb president, Biljana Plavsic, and said he would not be a candidate in the elections. But he remains chairman of his political party.

Officials of the Contact Group on Bosnia — the US, France, Britain, Russia and Italy — will meet in London tomorrow to consider what to do. Options range from a military operation to seize the two Bosnian Serb leaders to economic sanctions against the Republika Srpska.

Although British officials insisted yesterday that they wanted to maintain pressure on Mr Karadzic and General Mladic and have them arraigned at the war crimes tribunal at The Hague, they made it clear that Britain preferred a wait-and-see approach.

The British view, which does not appear to be shared by the United States, is that the Bosnian Serbs can be persuaded to hand over indicted war criminals to The Hague by the threat of what they call "graduated economic sanctions" coupled with pressure on the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic.

## González fails to quell calls for purge of party leadership

Adela Gooch in Madrid

FELIPE González, the former Spanish prime minister, faces a challenge to his leadership of the Socialist Party prompted by fresh corruption revelations and calls for a new generation to clean up the party's image.

Mr González managed to reassert his authority at a meeting of the party's executive yesterday, but his main opposition lies outside, among powerful regional barons who otherwise see little chance of ousting the new conservative government.

Last week the president of Extremadura, Juan Carlos Rodríguez Ibarra, called for the leadership succession to be discussed at congress next spring. His intervention was prompted by recent disclosures of funding scams involving Socialist officials in Andalusia and Navarra.

Further scandals dating from the Socialists' 13½ years in power are ripe for revelation.

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## Exodus from terror spells old age and death for forgotten religion

A community in exile from Turkey's war with Kurds is starving one faith of its lifeblood, reports **Owen Bowcott** in Mardin

IT IS mid-morning and Bishop Ibrahim Turker is brought back. Only a fig tree in the monastery courtyard stirs in the light breeze.

Isolated by centuries of schismatic theology and a liturgical script close to the Aramaic ones spoken by Christ, the dwindling Syrian Orthodox community in Turkey imposes few demands on its clerics these days.

It has not, however, been an easy history. Persecuted as heretics by Byzantines and Crusaders, massacred by Kemal Ataturk's armies in the 1920s, the religion is now in danger of disappearing from its historical heartland.

The latest threat, which has driven families into exile and robbed children of their parents, is the bitter 12-year war between the separatist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) and the Turkish authorities.

Police roadblocks control access to the nearby town of Mardin, 30 miles north of Turkey's border with Syria. In the surrounding mountains, scores of villages have been burnt to the ground. The army blames "PKK terrorists" for the destruction, while Kurdish politicians and human rights groups say it is the result of the govern-

ment's policy of depriving the separatists of support. Caught in the crossfire, the few remaining Syrian Orthodox monasteries and churches have gradually emptied as fewer young people have chosen to enter the priesthood.

"Ten years ago the community in Mardin was strong," says Bishop Turker, stretching his sandalled feet. A silver, filigree cross hangs at his neck. "Now there are only 400 families left. Fifty years ago the people fled to Lebanon and Syria. Now the remainder are going to America or Europe."

The monastery of Deyrulzafra — several miles outside Mardin and so called because of its saffron-coloured stone — was the seat of the Syrian Orthodox Patriarch until the 1920s. Its large wooden, metal-studded gates are closed at



Bishop Ibrahim Turker: 'Every day families are going

## Turkish MPs in vote punch-up

Chris Marshall in Ankara

MODERN Turkey's first government led by an Islamist prime minister was approved by parliament yesterday in a high-tension vote of confidence marred by gun-carrying and fighting among MPs.

Uproar erupted as members of secular parties attacked colleagues who had voted against the alliance with the Islamist Welfare party of Necmettin Erbakan.

The former foreign minister, Emre Gonensay, was punched by a colleague in his True Path party, and another deputy was hit to the ground.

Voting resumed after a seven-minute delay and Mr Erbakan's government went on to win by 278 votes to 265.

A group of MPs from the far-right Grand Unity party, whose seven seats swung the vote in favour of the new government, then attacked a member of the opposition Motherland party, who drew out a gun to defend himself. Security guards and other MPs piled in to disarm the gunman as mayhem ensued.

Ten other True Path deputies voted against the government; the party's only Jewish member abstained, and four MPs stayed away in protest.

The True Path leader, Ramazan Ciller, who is foreign minister and deputy prime minister, said the vote was about choosing a continuing stalemate or an end to a nine-month political crisis.

"We have chosen a social consensus," she said and

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Mr Erbakan realises that moves to enhance the role of religion in politics and society could lead to the breaking up of the coalition and antagonise the secular establishment, notably big business and the armed forces.



Growth: the elusive goal

The Chancellor mustn't blow it for electoral gain

TODAY'S summer economic forecasts from the Treasury will set the parameters for what may be the last Conservative budget for many years to come. History will be very unforgiving if the Chancellor misuses the underlying message of the forecasts in an effort to win an election rather than set the UK economy on a steady long-term growth track.

commitment to a balanced budget. The overwhelming priority is to rebalance this consumer-led recovery by encouraging exports and investment (without which future growth is impossible). British industry, bless it, only seems to invest after a prolonged recovery when it is running out of capacity. Most economists believe that the economy could expand at 3 per cent a year (instead of under 2.5 per cent) for several years without rekindling inflation.

The economy is certainly in a mess financially. Today's figures will reveal that the 1996/1997 public sector borrowing requirement — the gap between Government income and spending — will be some £5 billion worse than the £2.5 billion forecast as recently as last November. That means one thing. There is no justification for cutting taxes in November even if they are "balanced" by spending cuts elsewhere.

Fortunately, Kenneth Clarke is well aware of all this. He genuinely wants to restore his party's lost reputation for economic management (and his own place in the history books) by steering a sound fiscal course. But Tory backbenchers, baying for tax-cutting electoral bribes, see otherwise. They would far prefer to adopt a scorched earth policy either to win the Tories the election or leave Labour to clear up the mess. The Chancellor will need nerves of steel if he is to put his country before his party. But that is what needs to be done if the tantalising — but not impossible — prospect of sustained growth with lowish unemployment is to be realised.

The new sport of guru shooting

But sadly for Mr Willetts he has chosen the wrong target

DAVID Willetts — allegedly known as "two brains" to his admirers — is one of the most interesting Conservative MPs and his Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet, Blair's Gurus, has attracted extensive comment, which it naturally sought and to some extent deserves. Like many others, Mr Willetts is intrigued (though not out of idle curiosity) to pinpoint where Tony Blair gets his ideas from. Unlike most, he has troubled to read a number of books by writers who are either personally influential with the Labour leader, or which express ideas which have surfaced regularly in Mr Blair's speeches.

Mr Blair is part of that too, and he draws on what others have written, but these eight are not the handbooks of Blairism. Most of the authors think Mr Blair is too cautious, while he in turn thinks they are too reckless. Topple the gurus if you can, but it does not follow that you thereby topple Mr Blair.

The other chief difficulty with Mr Willetts's pamphlet is that he believes that the eight writers share a disdain for British models of political economy. They are seeking to make Britain into something else, he alleges, in this case a variation on post-war German social market capitalism. This is a familiar type of charge from Conservatives since at least the time of the French Revolution, as well as being one which will endear Mr Willetts to his xenophobic party. But it is intellectually thin. Some might wish that Britain had opted for the German model of economic performance two decades ago but, as it happens, all eight writers (as well as Mr Blair) are pragmatic as only the British can be, and most go out of their way to distance themselves from precisely the allegation which Mr Willetts levels. Coming from a Conservative this is anyway pretty cheeky. It was, after all, his party which perpetrated the most sustained attempt this century to foist a foreign model of political economy on this country — the Thatcherite attempt to Americanise Britain. All of us — the gurus, this newspaper and Mr Blair — are still looking for a road to recovery from that.

A proliferation of professors

Oxford has raised the status of its academics pennilessly

HISTORY has not turned full circle... yet. In the middle ages the three academic titles — master, doctor, professor — were synonymous. Oxford has not gone that far back but for 261 of the University's academic staff, yesterday dawned a glad confident morning: 162 became professors and 99 readers in one go. Overnight the number of professors jumped from 199 to 361 and the number of readers from 107 to 206. Journalists are well qualified to comment on such developments for as readers may have observed, the number of editors on newspapers has similarly multiplied. Part of the motive appears to be the same: a management strapped for cash but ready to buy some relief by conferring higher status for the same pay. The new professors will receive no more money and their duties remain the same. But Oxford insists each of the 261 promotions had to pass through a rigorous selection procedure. It seeks to

end the anomaly under which celebrated Oxford lecturers — with a string of distinguished research studies behind them — have to play second fiddle to less eminent academics holding professorial titles at other institutions. It hopes to ensure its academics get better conference bedrooms — and better research grants too.

The move is one more step towards the American model where all academic staff seem to be either assistant, associate or full professors. Two years ago the Association of University Teachers floated a similar idea in the wake of a wave of new professors when the polytechnics were rebelled universities. Snobbery was the major motive even though the polys were using managerial position rather than scholarship as their main test. A secure profession would not need such status labels. Like "reporter", "lecturer" should be a proud enough title.



Letters to the Editor

Buddhists in conflict

MADELINE Bunting's account of the Dorje Shugden controversy (Shadow boxing on the path to Nirvana, July 6) was both timely and balanced. The Dalai Lama is coming to the UK to give teachings and to draw attention to the plight of his fellow countrymen, whose way of life is threatened with extinction by the Chinese policy of ethnic swamping.

First, the "evil spirit Shugden", far from being a Buddha, was apparently the object of a cult in the East Tibetan province of Kham in the 1940s. In his memoirs, the late Tzipon Shugden describes how, as a district governor in Kham in 1940, he was called upon to deal with renegade monks from Sagaid Gumpa who, "claiming they were possessed by the local spirit Shugden... had badly disturbed the local farmers, threatening them and stealing their possessions".

the NKT. I have proof from my friends in India of an extensive campaign of intolerable religious persecution being conducted by the Dalai Lama's government-in-exile which blatantly contravenes our Tibetan constitution.

The Shugden Supporters Community has a very Buddhist interest in wealth, power and expansion of the sect, combined with a slavish dependence on a cult figure. These attitudes are alien to Buddhism and to Tibetans but reflect a society where a religious vacuum all too readily yields to an aggressive desire on the part of recent western "converts" for conquest and power.

Second, as regards NKT's "pure" Buddhism, their insistence on unquestioning obedience to the guru Geshe Kelsang's every word is in direct contrast with the historical Buddha's teaching to question everything, even his own teaching. Pure Buddhism would also disapprove of the accumulation of property on a large scale.

Many of my friends and colleagues are living in fear and unable to practise the instructions now handed by the Dalai Lama. We are appealing for western support in restoring freedom of belief so that we can continue to practise that which has been passed down over many centuries. Tenzin Chiodak, 29 Imms House, East Street, London SE17 2JN.

In 1994 the Chinese decided upon a policy of pacifying Tibetan resistance by deliberately seeking to blacken the moral character of the Dalai Lama and to divide the refugee Tibetan community. Wittingly or not, the Shugden Supporters Community is doing exactly what the Chinese have so far failed to achieve. We should not allow his allegations to influence our support for the Tibetan cause. John Blingdon, Chairman, Tibet Society of The United Kingdom, 114/115 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9HL.

The integrity of His Holiness the Dalai Lama has survived contact with and scrutiny by the West for more than 30 years, unlike many eastern guru/cult leaders. The NKT's smear campaign will doubtless flaze out and the cult go the way of all cults, hopefully without a Waco-style finale. Anthony O'Brien, Tibet Support Group Ireland, 14a Leabury Road, Dublin 4.

THE Dorje Shugden controversy is a side issue to the main problem confronting Tibet, which is the survival of Tibet's way of life in the face of a deliberate policy by China of swamping Tibet with Han immigrants. Such a policy is contrary to international law and is intended to extinguish Tibet's separate identity.

WITH regard to the "Battle of the Buddhas", a couple of relevant historical details have been overlooked.

READ with dismay Madeline Bunting's prejudiced and biased article. I am a Tibetan living in London, a member of the Shugden Supporters Community but not of

The All Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet supports the right of the Tibetan people to determine their own future, whether as a separate nation or in some form of confederation with China. This is for the people of Tibet to decide. We support the Dalai Lama as the acknowledged leader of the Tibetan people in his search for a peaceful resolution to his country's long-running conflict with China. (Rt Hon) Lord Weatherill, House of Lords, London SW1A 0AA.

Hard to swallow

YOU reported (Breakfast at Claridge's) Heathrow is better, July 1) on my and my airport inspection team's findings that the food has improved remarkably at most — though not all — of the 130 catering outlets of BAA's seven airports. The article wrongly implies that I think me biased because BAA had engaged me four and a half years ago to raise the standard of airport food. I resent and reject this. My condition was, from the start, that I have absolute freedom to be as outspoken as I wish — hence the improvements. In fact, BAA has publicly called me its resident gaffly. Egon Romay, Walton Street, London SW2.



An odd pair for the Square

TO MARK the visit of Nelson Mandela to these streets, a statue of the great man should be commissioned to occupy the empty plinth in Trafalgar Square. He has shown himself to be a statesman of vision and integrity, a man of principle and humility. Without a hint of bitterness, he has forgiven the oppressors of his people, enabling his country to face the future in a spirit of hope.

William Barrett, 6 Burns Road, London NW10 4DY.

WITH reference to your piece about the vacant plinth in the north-west corner of Trafalgar Square (Statues to vie for plinth, Guardian, July 4). How about a statue of Baywatch actress Pamela Anderson? It would give visitors to Trafalgar Square ample shelter when it rains. Jane Armit, 22 Rawdon Road, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 0DZ.

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A statue of Mandela would stand as a monument to those who protest against the inequity of apartheid outside South Africa House week in and week out. Above all, Nelson Mandela would be a worthy companion for the other Nelson. William Barrett, 6 Burns Road, London NW10 4DY.

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Clearing the clouds over the the Oxford skyline

GEORGE Monbiot (All gain makes Britain a dull place to live in, July 2) gives an unjustified view about how Oxford City Council has dealt with a planning application for a city-centre leisure development. He quotes a confidential report, containing a reference to a decision by my committee that has not in fact yet been taken, as evidence of a conspiracy to approve the application. The reference was completely unknown to me; it clearly stemmed from a cock-up rather than a conspiracy. As soon as the council's solicitor became aware of it, the report was withdrawn.

public meetings, several committees and full council, and has been referred to the Royal Fine Arts Commission. The proposed development has no effect on the skyline. Monbiot's suggestion that the development will exacerbate Oxford's transport problem is also wide of the mark. A leisure development on this site is for the public good. The proposal was confirmed in the Oxford Local Plan after a public inquiry as being in the public interest as it provides much-needed leisure facilities. For Monbiot to suggest that the council's support for the principle of the development is based upon considerations of planning gain is shameful. These proposals were recommended in a written report on the open agenda. They were not revealed "by

accident" nor "decided out of the public eye". Planning gains could potentially distort the planning process, although I understand there is little evidence of it so far, and it is certainly not something Oxford City Council can be accused of. However, this is essentially a problem of the Government's making. If there were proper funding of the public sector, then highway authorities could return to building roads or subsidising buses, and housing authorities could provide social housing, and the planning process could be more detached from the financial aspects of development. Stef Spencer, Chair, Planning Committee, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldates, Oxford.

Moral reflections on the rules of the archbishop's crusade

YOUR leader (Filling a moral vacuum, July 6) seems to acquiesce in George Carey's opinion that people should not select for themselves what is right and wrong. Our society is in fact founded upon people constantly making such decisions. Most of us choose every day not to murder, rape and steal as a matter of choice, not because we fear divine or earthly retribution. The vast majority of crime is committed by people who know that what they are doing is wrong, but are driven to it by anger, need, or some other consideration which overrides a simple version of morality.

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As regards education, my five-year-old son has a much stronger sense of what is right and wrong than I do. Children deserve far more credit for working morality out for themselves. Ben Leslie, 15 Elsinore Road, London SE23 3SL.

CONCERN for other people is a natural human characteristic. Richard Dawkins' arguments for his theory of the selfish gene show this is inevitable: if we did not have such a characteristic, we and our genes would never have survived. Unfortunately, the older we get the more ready we are to accept conformity as our guide rather than our own natural morality. Only too often our rule-governed society is not concerned about people, but only about its own preservation. Moral concepts like loyalty can easily have catastrophically immoral consequences: no individual could possibly do the harm a nation may do by declaring war. What we need is not moral rules, but a proper respect for our own natural moral instincts. Libertarian Education, 170 Wells Road, Bristol BS4 2AG.

DEPLORE the presumption of the Anglican Church that it is entitled to act as the sole custodian of morality and spirituality (Moral crusade by Carey, July 6). The implication that someone who has rejected Christian dogma is doomed to an amoral existence, or may be of diminished spiritual health, is one that I find abhorrent. Furthermore, the Government's intention to revive enforced Christian worship in schools in an attempt to nurture "moral and spiritual values" is not only misguided and simplistic: in its support

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A Pinter drama in Stoke Newington

THE armed police who raided the Stoke Newington rehearsal room where Kurdish actors were rehearsing my play Mountain Language (Front-page report, June 21) manhandled them, handcuffed them and forbade them to speak in their own language. The Kurds, most of them refugees, thought the police were so forceful and deaf to reason that they felt they were back in Turkey.

lages have been destroyed and their inhabitants displaced, thousands of people killed and murdered. State terror is systematic, savage, merciless. All efforts on the part of the Kurds to bring about a political rather than military resolution to the conflict have failed. The international community shows little interest in any of this. Turkey is a member of Nato, the United States subsidises its army to the hilt, and of course the country provides rich business opportunities for all western "democracies".

The production of the play itself was extremely moving, and particularly significant in that a number of the participants had themselves been imprisoned and tortured in Turkish prisons. The appalling repression of the Kurdish people in Turkey is generally unreported in the British media and virtually ignored at government level. Vast numbers of Kurdish vil-

Meanwhile the Kurds are persecuted beyond endurance. They are a brave and immense people, full of pride, dignity and courage. Their plight desperately calls for recognition and support. Harold Pinter, 52 Camden Hill Square, London W8 7JR.

A Country Diary

CHEESHIRE: As the river bends to enter the narrow sandstone gorge and the National Trust woodlands, it is joined by a smaller stream which has meandered through a much broader part of the valley. For about a mile the stream runs along the bottom of gently sloping pastureland, winding around several fine examples of "ox-bow" bends on its way. This is a quiet and peaceful corner of the valley, an area of grassland lightly grazed by a small group of retired and friendly horses and rich in flowers and grasses. The lower slopes are the most diverse, with tracts of Crested Dog-tail, Common Bent, Yorkshire Fog and Red fescue grasses, amongst which shine the colours of Bugle, Knapsweed, Birds-foot Trefoll and Ox-eye Daisy. I sat down on a small embankment at the edge of one of the Ox-bows, surrounded by Common Spotted Orchids in full bloom and a mass of colour — predominantly pale lilac but here and there were reds, rose-pinks and whites. There was

considerable variation in the extent to which the leaves were spotted: in some plants the basic green colour was almost covered by large dark blotches, whereas in others the spotting appeared to be absent. The stream below the bank moved slowly through thick, waving blankets of Water Crowfoot covered with small white flowers, and together with the flattened leaves of Water Plantain these provided an ideal platform for insects, the most obvious of which was a white fly. There were the Banded Demoiselles. These are one of Britain's biggest damselflies, and I watched several males continually performing looping flights out over the water and back to the floating platform with their transparent wings almost invisible except for those dark blue bands. Occasionally a female with metallic green wings would flutter into the air from her perch on some nearby vegetation, attracted by the patterned wings of the males. J M THOMPSON

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Pamela Mason

Hollywood thunder

JAMES Mason, the British film star, said of his writer wife Pamela...

In the family's textiles firm, a chain of cinemas and Gaiety Theatre...

asked if he could think of a leading lady for a Hungarian musical at the Arts Theatre...

At the beginning of the war, she had married James Mason — not without difficulty...

of the producer Walter Wanger and a friend of Pamela's, sent a slunk to the acidic Hollywood columnist Hedda Hopper...

By the end it was totally certain that nobody, but nobody, had ever worn down Pamela Mason



why the daughter of such a wealthy and shrewd man, who had dropped out of her private school at nine and who in 1922 appeared in Jew Süss...

who has Nothing. It was perhaps inevitable that they would soon be found posing in bed for the maid to find them together...

As soon as the Masons arrived in the US, and made their own approaches for work and independent production, Rose took out what amounted to an injunction restraining both of them from working except through him...

By the late 1950s, Pamela Mason had settled into American ways more comfortably than her husband. Once RCA offered them the best colour TV set in the country...



Pamela Mason... with James and their two children

what had been the marital home behind the Beverly Hills Hotel in Hollywood. Her father had thought he was a shrewd tycoon and was, he also thought he would live until he was 100, but didn't.

said to be worth less than when she had inherited them — and leave the board. For her, it was back to the Beverly Hills mansion...

Demis Barker Pamela Mason, actress and writer, born March 10, 1916; died June 29, 1996

Ernest Armstrong

The referee of the House

ERNEST Armstrong, who has died aged 61, was for 20 years a successful schoolmaster and headmaster at Durham...

as a football referee; the highlight of his time on the pitch was at the schoolboy international between Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Always deeply political, he first contested Sunderland South in 1965 and 1969, settling temporarily for two terms on Sunderland Town Council.

He was the only son of Sir Henry Bradshaw Popham, a colonial governor in the West Indies. He broke off his law studies in 1940 to join the RN.

His wartime exploits were published in three more novels, Sea Beggars (1961), The Shores of Violence (1963) and The House at Cape Gordon (1965).

Hugh Popham

Deep sea flight

FIRST came across the writing of Hugh Popham, who has died aged 76, when, as a schoolboy I read an article by him on the Fleet Air Arm in an edition of the Commonwealth and Empire Annual.

It was during a spell ashore in Gibraltar that Hugh fell down some stairs, injuring his knee and was sent back to Britain. On board ship he completed the poem Against The Lightning (1944).

Birthdays

John Ainsley, tenor, 38; Judith Brown, Beit Professor of Commonwealth History, 52; Dame Barbara Cartland, novelist, 95; Ben De Haan, jockey, 37; Kate Garner, fashion photographer, 42; Tom Hanks, actor, 40; King Hassan II of Morocco, 57; Sir Edward Heath, former prime minister, 80; John Heath-Stubb, poet, 78; David Hockney, painter, 58; Natasha Pyne, actress, 50; Janet Timney, textile designer, 47; Joanna Trollope, writer, 55; Gen Jari Wahlstrom, former leader, Salvation Army, 78.

Death Notices

BERNICE, Beatrice, born New York, 20th September 1902, died at home in Portsmouth, 10th July 1996. She is survived by her husband, John, and three children.

Memorial Services

A Memorial Service for Joan Threlkirk will be held at noon on Tuesday 3rd September 1996 at St. Peter's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4A.

Jackdaw



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Cat confusion

I'VE BEEN researching Multiple Personality Disorder, and I think my cats have MPD. For instance, one cat goes in and out a lot. She'll meow at the door to be let out, goes out, meows to come back in, is let back in, and two minutes later the cycle begins again.

Naked cash

INDIFFERENT: all animals being used, pisses in the sink. Clever: no hands, fixes the looks around and usually pisses on the floor. Frivolous: pisses stream up, down and across urinals, tries to hit fly or bug. Absent-minded: opens vest, pulls out tie, pisses in pants. Little: stands on box, falls in, drowns. Competitive: stands back, and challenges everyone to a distance contest.

Naked cash

A WIMBLEDON streaker is at the centre of a betting fiasco. The blonde stunned finalists Richard Krajicek and Malivi Washington by dashing naked across the court as they warmed up before yesterday's climax.

Big bird

WE HAVE been asked about the tax consequences for taxpayers who purchase securities with the intention of making money out of the birds and their products. There are a number of schemes on offer to the public

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Privat 7-4 for the July Cup. Racing Post streaker odds.

Emily Sheffield

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BA welcomed its 'dirty'

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## Granada and Carlton shed surplus ITN stock

**CARLTON** Communications and Granada yesterday sold the last of their surplus shares in Independent Television News in a deal valuing the newscaster at more than £102 million, writes Lisa Buckingham.

The 12 per cent stake in ITN was sold for £12.3 million to United News and Media, whose television subsidiaries include Meridian and Anglia. United already controls 5 per cent of ITN through Anglia.

The disposal of 6 per cent stakes by Carlton and Granada means the companies now comply with the 1990 Broadcasting Act, which puts a ceiling of 20 per cent on individual stakes in ITV.

Four months ago, Granada and Carlton — whose stakes in the news organisation (pictured in action) had breached limits following their acquisitions of, respectively, LWT and Central TV — sold a 20 per cent shareholding to the Daily Mail and General Trust.

PHOTOGRAPH BY GARRY WEBSTER



## Notebook

### Piloting the path to Pyrrhic victory



Edited by Patrick Donovan

**BRITISH** Airways pilots should beware. Their dispute has all the trappings of a flogging or a minor strike of 10 years ago: a single powerful group of workers who can bring their organisation to a halt at a stroke. But a long, indefinite stoppage could play straight into the hands of Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, who has been quietly preparing a fight for some time.

The strike threat is certainly not about pay. Many top ranking BA pilots earn £80,000 a year, plus other entitlements, enough for many of them to own two homes and educate their children privately. If they are seeking public support, they should look elsewhere.

It has more to do with BA's decision to make savings of £1 billion over the next four years, a move which has sent a tremor through BA's 33,000 staff. They equate that with big job losses, greater efficiencies and local profit targets.

BA's other staff see the pilots as the only group capable of doing battle for them all. Ayling is very strong on profit-sharing and talking directly to staff, thereby circumventing the unions. He also sees strong groups such as the pilots obstructing his plans.

There is still a week to go before the strike goes ahead, time enough for a settlement to emerge. But already there is private talk about lay-offs, contracting out work to other airlines and employing non-union labour.

The pilots are angry, but nobody outside the industry will pay much attention to them if they have to start selling their second homes. Tactically, BA has boxed them into a corner, and they are going for broke.

You can see why they are doing it. But it is the wrong battle at the wrong time.

when it warned that house price inflation would average no more than 5.5 per cent over the rest of the decade — far lower than rates forecast by the rest of the industry.

In the event, even L&G's gloomy predictions proved over-optimistic as house prices continued to tumble; a continuous six-and-a-half year fall which is without precedent in post-war Britain.

According to L&G, house prices will rise by 40 per cent over the next seven years. More important, it expects the scourge of negative equity to be wiped out nationally over the next couple of years.

But estate agents should not break open the champagne yet. Prices may be on the up, but there is scant hope of the kind of rocketing boom we have seen during the last three years.

First, owner-occupier rates are already nudging 70 per cent — even if a lot of those are looking to trade up their homes. Second, over the longer term, demographic changes mean that there will be a steady fall in demand for starter homes by the all-important under-35 group which traditionally underpins movement in the market.

The L&G forecast bodes well for the future. Few benefit from boom-bust property cycles. Homes should be bought to live in, not as speculative investments.

Labour demands full facts on public finance after Europe warns against tax cuts before election

## Come clean, Clarke urged

John Palmer in Brussels and Larry Elliott

**LABOUR** sought last night to exploit the Government's discomfort over the poor state of the public finances, after the European Union became the latest organisation to warn against pre-election tax cuts.

With the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, accepting yesterday's Brussels findings that the UK risked falling in quality for the single European currency if it relaxed fiscal policy in the Budget, the Opposition demanded answers to six detailed questions.

The Chancellor, who has been using an unexplained underflow in tax revenues to play down the prospects of tax cuts in November, made clear that he agreed with the report from the European Union's monetary committee, the body assessing whether member states will be ready for a single currency in 1999.

Speaking after finance ministers met in Brussels, Mr Clarke said: "The conclusions of this report are entirely satisfactory and are in line with the Government's policy."

The Chancellor will use his summer economic forecast

today to increase his 1995-7 estimate for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement from £22.5 billion to around £28 billion, after acknowledging at the weekend that Treasury officials had "got their sums wrong".

He said yesterday: "As Chancellor of the Exchequer I am free to pursue my own policy. But the report does not tell me anything that I did not already know."

The shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, said yesterday that it was not acceptable for Mr Clarke to blame mistakes on his "boffins".

"We have got to have an accurate picture of what is happening and this should be done through an independent audit," he said, urging the Chancellor to detail the full cost of the best crisis and five other pressures on public finances. Mr Brown said Mr

Clarke needed to spell out how much the "mistake" on tax revenues had cost, the impact of the black economy on VAT receipts, the extent of tax avoidance in the corporate sector, the effect of slower growth on the PSBR and the cost of social security over-runs this year.

"The first rule about sound public finances is honesty," the shadow chancellor added. In its report to ministers,

the monetary committee underlines that all EU countries, with the exception of Denmark, Ireland and Luxembourg, have not yet sufficiently reduced their budget deficits to meet the criteria for a single currency set out in the Maastricht treaty.

In the case of the UK the report says that action is needed "as rapidly as possible" to tackle the continuing excessive budget deficit, add-

ing: "There would appear to be no room for relaxation with respect to revenue and expenditure policy."

Asked about the likely political reaction in the Tory party if there were no pre-election tax cuts, Mr Clarke insisted that his strategy would be backed by most Conservative MPs.

"My speeches, in which I make it clear I am not prepared to go for tax cuts come what may, may disappoint a few people in the Conservative party," he said. "But the overwhelming, vast majority of Conservative backbenchers would only want tax cuts if they were consistent with proper control of public finances."

The Chancellor said he still believed tax cuts were "a good thing" but added: "You only get tax cuts when you have got your public spending under control, have still respected your priority spending commitments and have got your borrowing on a firm downward path."

Although the Chancellor declined to repeat previous confident forecasts that the UK would qualify for EMU, he insisted that greater economic convergence with the rest of the European Union was justified whether or not Britain joined in the Euro.

## No recovery evident at factory gate

Sarah Ryle

**SPECULATION** that interest rates will be cut after official figures showed that manufacturers cut prices for the second month in a row in an effort to boost sluggish demand and clear stock backlogs.

City analysts said the drop in prices made it more likely that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke would cut base rates from 8.75 per cent during the coming months to stimulate activity.

The latest data, from the Office for National Statistics,

also showed annual price growth was 2.6 per cent, the lowest rate for 18 months.

Analysts said manufacturers were able to cut prices partly because their own input costs fell last month. The prices of fuel and raw materials decreased in part because a stronger pound made imports cheaper.

But the underlying measure of input prices, which excluded food, beverages, tobacco and oil, also fell dramatically. Analysts said weak demand, especially from European markets, was a key factor behind the

price cuts. This was underlined by separate ONS figures for output in the production industries.

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## Clarke's calculus

**THE** latest evidence of weak manufacturing demand seems to provide a good case for another cut in interest rates to boost the ailing factory sector.

Although consumer confidence is on the up, with all its implications for spending, the revival on the high street has not been enough to counter weak demand from key European markets. Factory bosses have been forced to cut prices for the second month running as stock overhangs remain stubbornly immovable.

The continuing bid to drum up demand and the reduction in core producer prices show that the Chancellor's last rate cut to 5.75 per cent was needed. In the past, Mr Clarke has tended to focus on the health of manufacturing, and output was certainly weak last month. Officials have predicted that factory sector growth will remain flat, and he might be tempted to cut again. But this might be less justifiable.

There are already signs that manufacturing performance will pick up, even without a base-rate reduction.

High-street spending is relatively buoyant and strengthening, and there are signs that European markets are recovering.

There is a strong argument that a rate cut simply to boost manufacturing activity would be a mistake. However, Mr Clarke will not want to keep base rates any higher than necessary. With inflationary pressure seemingly benign, he may feel another 25 basis-point cut would not jeopardise his 2.5 per cent inflation target. In those circumstances, another reduction would be justifiable.

## Hold the toast

**CHANCELLOR** Kenneth Clarke yesterday ruled out big tax cuts in the run-up to the next election. But the Government may yet be able to count on the return of the "feel-good" factor for mortgage-obsessed Middle England, thanks to what appears to be a sustained upturn in the property market.

For months, self-serving forecasts from the personal finance industry have been predicting a steady increase in prices. Yesterday, their bullish claims were given extra weight by Legal & General, the insurance company whose research is regarded as among the most cautious in the City.

Three years ago, L&G was published as a scaremonger

over Germany, Italy and France.

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## BA welcomes exhumation of its 'dirty tricks'

Keith Harper  
Transport Editor

**BRITISH** Airways yesterday welcomed a US justice department investigation into its planned alliance with American Airlines and is expected to offer evidence to the inquiry later this week.

It also emerged yesterday that the department had approached Virgin Atlantic, BA's main British competitor, for documents relating to a US lawsuit filed in 1993.

At that time Virgin had claimed that BA was using a "dirty tricks" campaign in an attempt to monopolise the transatlantic market.

Virgin said that the department deemed documents relating to Virgin's litigation against BA to be relevant to the proposed alliance.

BA said that the US move brought approval of the deal "one step closer". The airline said it hoped that it would be served with a demand to produce documents, because this would show that the investigation was "truly under way".

BA said that the justice department investigation indicated that the anti-trust authorities were "putting their foot on the accelerator" towards clearing the alliance which BA and American planned to start operating from April next year.

The alliance would be the biggest in a series of recent alliances between US and

European airlines which require anti-trust immunity from the US transportation department.

The immunity allows airlines to share pricing and other operational information.

While the US transportation department makes the final decision, the alliance must first be vetted by the justice department, which has taken an unusually aggressive stance towards the BA-American alliance.

It has instituted a civil investigation into the pact, separate from its normal regulatory process.

The proposed alliance also faces British and European Commission investigations.

The Office of Fair Trading is expected to recommend to the Government that the matter be referred to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

The OFT says that the issue can be dealt with only under British rather than European jurisdiction.

BA, Virgin and American Airlines are all due to face the House of Commons transport select committee tomorrow.

The committee has convened a series of emergency sessions due to be held before Parliament rises at the end of the month.

Richard Branson, head of Virgin, argues that the alliance would place his airline at an unfair competitive disadvantage, while BA and American say that links between international carriers are inevitable.

## Britain sucks £7.8m from Hoover

Ian King

**CANDY**, the Italian car corporation which bought Hoover Europe last year, said yesterday it was investing £7.8 million in its British operations, creating more than 60 new jobs and safeguarding over 2,000 more.

Most of the new jobs will be at Hoover's main UK plant, at Merthyr Tydfil, south Wales, where Candy has decided to concentrate its entire tumble dryer manufacturing at a cost of just over £3 million.

There will also be an unspecified number of new jobs at Bromborough, Merseyside, from where Candy plans to relaunch Hoover as a fridge and freezer manufacturer, after a 12-year absence from the market. Candy, Europe's

fourth-biggest maker of white goods, is also investing £4.75 million in Hoover's vacuum cleaner plant at Cambuslang, Strathclyde, from where it will launch three new ranges over the next year.

Announcing the investment, Candy's president, Pepino Fumagalli, said the company had stepped up its British operations because of the Government's opt-out from the European social chapter, which he said made Britain a more attractive place to do business.

Mr Fumagalli, whose brother founded Candy in 1945 and whose family still owns the company, said the investment represented a "vote of confidence" in the UK and south Wales.

He added: "In terms of pay,

south Wales is reasonably comparable with Italy, but there are fewer levies, fewer social charges, which is a distinct advantage of the UK."

Hoover Factory

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## Iron Maiden's managers test rave nation's mettle over name

Ian King

**THERE** was a note of discord in two Sanctuaries yesterday, with the heavy metal band Iron Maiden's managers readying for battle with a bunch of rave organisers.

Rave promoter Sanctuary Leisure, which plans to float on Oxfex, the City's market for smaller companies, has been threatened with legal action by Sanctuary Group, the media business which manages the heavy metal group — unless it changes its name.

Sanctuary Leisure, which also runs US-style pool halls, is intending to raise £750,000 by floating just under a third of its shares later this month.

Sanctuary Group, whose other activities include television and music pro-

duction, is unhappy about the similarity between the names.

A spokesman said it has instructed solicitors to warn Sanctuary Leisure that it risks legal action for "passing off".

"Sanctuary Group is sensitive that Sanctuary Leisure operates in an area, raves, that the music industry is deeply suspicious of," he said.

Sanctuary Leisure's chief executive, Ivan Weston, said he was confident that there was nothing wrong with his company's name and insisted that the flotation would go ahead as planned.

He went on: "We investigated the name, it was accepted by Companies House, and we have been trading under it without any problems for the last two years."

## GrandMet to slice up its foods

Lisa Buckingham

**GRAND** Metropolitan, the food and drinks group at the centre of weekend takeover speculation, is expected to sell or close down a slice of its European food operations in an attempt to improve profits and raise its standing with City shareholders.

The company is in the middle of a strategic review of its European food businesses, which are producing what investors regard as unacceptably low rates of return.

That review should be completed within the next two months, and the company, which has not enjoyed the

best of relations with investors recently, is expected to start to reshape the business before the end of the year.

But the company's new chief executive, John McGrath, denied that the continental rethink had anything to do with leaks that rival Guinness was considering a hostile £1.8 billion bid.

Guinness, which admitted considering proposals put forward by its main adviser, Lazard, to launch a bid for GrandMet, said yesterday this option had been ruled out as had the possibility of demerging the group's brewing and spirits businesses.

GrandMet, whose European food division made profits of just £7 million on a turnover

of £250 million in the first half of the financial year, said yesterday its recent record for mega-takeovers had ended. Instead, the company would be reducing debt and was considering buying its own shares to boost the return to investors.

Although the group does not regard itself as immune to takeover, GrandMet is hinting that profits growth — in its IDV spirits business — which has brands such as Smirnoff vodka, Baileys and J & B whisky — will be in the upper range of expectations this year.

Analysts said the embarrassing leak of the takeover plans had focused attention on Guinness's lack of organic

growth. It also highlighted the fact that Guinness is lagging behind GrandMet in the attempt to boost volumes and prices by spending heavily on advertising — a tactic which would involve accepting a short-term hit to profits for the group whose main spirits brands include Johnnie Walker and Gordon's Gin.

"At this point, there do not appear to be that many options open to them (Guinness) except to just plug on and wait for growth to return to its mature markets," commented one analyst.

Despite the negative comment, shares in Guinness rose by 4p to 474p, while those of GrandMet shot up by 18p to 440p.

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

Australia 1,895	France 7,775	Italy 2,358	Singapore 2,118
Canada 1,822	Germany 2,360	Japan 5,990	South Africa 1,538
Belgium 4,742	Greece 3,845	Netherlands 2,598	Spain 1,937.75
Denmark 2,925	Hong Kong 11,772	New Zealand 2,195	Sweden 1,197.5
Finland 7,119	India 54.74	Norway 3,857.5	Switzerland 1,825
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	Israel 4,98	Saudi Arabia 5,78	USA 1,520

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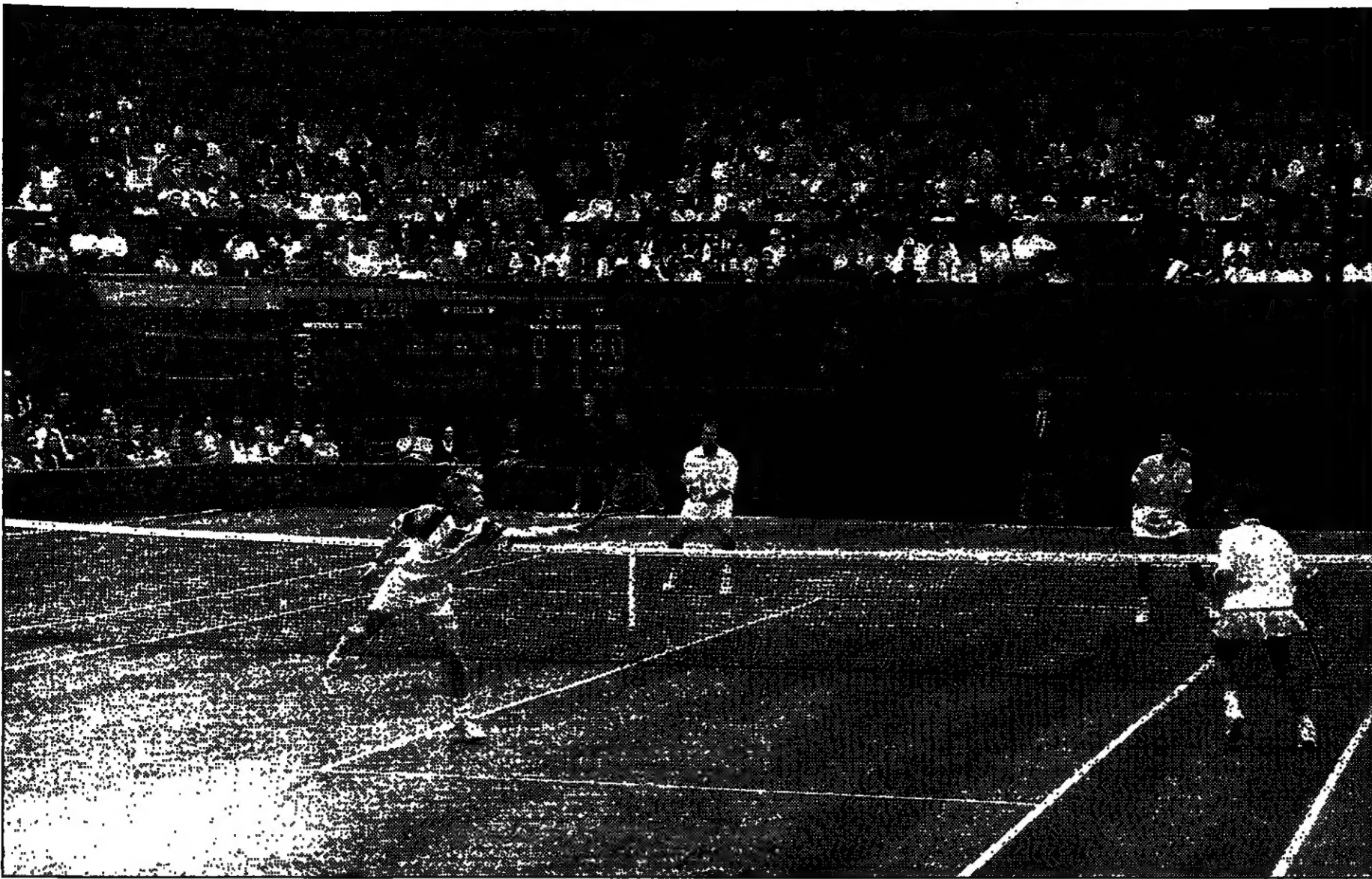








WIMBLEDON GOES INTO EXTRA TIME



They shall not pass... Mark Woodforde and Larisa Neiland defend the net and keep a full house entertained during one of their three matches in the mixed doubles yesterday. Their winning run was eventually halted in the final when they were beaten by the Czech pair Cyril Suk and Helena Sukova



Grasping the moment... Martina Hingis, right, celebrates her first Wimbledon title with Sukova

Hingis comes of age as youngest winner

Richard Jago sees 109 years of history rewritten in five minutes as the Swiss prodigy gets a doubles first on a packed Centre Court

IT TOOK five lively minutes for Martina Hingis to complete the task of becoming the youngest winner of a Wimbledon title at 15 years and 393 days, displacing Lottie Dod who was three days older when she won the women's singles in 1887. The prodigy and her partner Helen Sukova rapidly snaffled the last two games of the women's doubles final which had been held over from Sunday when rain stopped play. News that Hingis was on the verge of making history helped bring fans by the wagon-load to participate in the noisy last rites of the 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Larisa Neiland and Meredith McGrath.

By one o'clock 11,000 spectators had passed through Wimbledon's gates and there was a sense of involvement not experienced since the first Sunday in 1889 which was dubbed People's Day. The most punctual witnessed a mere 14 points before Hingis's top-spin lob and double-handed backhand combined to convert a 30-40 break point on McGrath's serve and to complete the bit of history. Most of the cries had been to "come on Martina" and at the climax a bouquet was tossed on to the court for the legend's namesake. The young girl stooped to gather it with the smile that had illuminated so many of the rallies. It left no doubt of her star quality. Despite her vulnerabilities to serve Hingis looks a more complete player than previous prodigies such as Tracy Austin, Andrea Jaeger, Kathy Rinaldi or Jennifer Capriati. Despite a childlike aura — perhaps because of it — she has refreshing presence. And despite immense

ambition her precocity is not yet grotesque. "I'm pleased to have done this. For every tennis player it's a big goal to win Wimbledon even if it's doubles," Hingis said with a grin, managing to convey an impression, without giving offence, that this was "only doubles". She added: "I break so many records already. I hope winning this will help me win the singles." Few doubt she can. Fewer who saw Sunday's startling turn-around should doubt she will. It was Hingis's forehand top-spin lob over McGrath that did more than anything to spring the contest, clinching the break-back against Neiland's serve for 4-5 in the second set. It also highlighted an increasing mobility problem for the American, whose right leg was heavily cramped, and Hingis and Sukova exploited it with three more top-spin lob winners to break in the next service game. By then the odd-looking partnership — Sukova is twice as old and eight inches

taller than Hingis — were conferring and hand-slapping exuberantly than ever. The Monaco-based Czech had been the general while the Czechoslovak-born Swiss had been struggling with her serve in the first half of the match. But in the change of mood created by the ninth game of the second set, Hingis became inspired, and it was she who grabbed hold of the match. She held serve for the second set and then led the

irresistible momentum which created a break of both McGrath's and Neiland's deliveries before the rains came yet again. They knew they had it won after that. "We had our celebration then," said Hingis with a cheeky smile. "We went out to dinner together and had some fun." It was their third tournament together and their third final against Neiland and McGrath, but only their first win over them.

When it mattered most they delivered, Hingis often by express post. The revelation had been the firmness and embrace of her volleying. She has not often revealed this in singles. If she can integrate it with those rhythmic ground strokes, perhaps when her serving becomes heavier, she should have a crucial extra dimension to her play. Hingis has been the youngest player to win a title at a Grand Slam championship (at 12), the youngest to win

Junior Wimbledon (at 13) and now the youngest to win a Wimbledon senior title. The biggest threat to Graf's chances of a record 10 Wimbledon singles titles may be Martina Mark II. Viewing figures for the final at Wimbledon were 500,000 up on those for the 1995 championships, writes Andrea Cuff. Unofficial estimates recorded a peak of 9.8 million for the match between Rich-

ard Krajicek and MaliVal Washington. But figures for the entire match were down. The BBC said the final averaged about 6.5 million compared to 7.9 million in 1995. The women's final between Steffi Graf and Arantza Sanchez Vicario also produced a fall on the previous year. Unofficial figures recorded a peak of 6.9 million and an average of six million, compared to 8.7 million and 8.8 million for Graf's 1995 triumph.

Henman in top forty as Krajicek goes to No. 8

Stephen Bierley IT WAS stock-taking time for British tennis yesterday as Wimbledon drew to its extended close and the latest world-ranking positions were released. They show that Tim Henman, who began the tournament in 62nd place, now stands 39th, easily the highest position of his career. In June last year he was world-ranked No. 276. Later this week Henman

will lead Britain's Davis Cup side against Ghana in Accra, a Euro-African zone Group Two match. His next individual challenge, aside from the Olympic Games, will be the US Open at Flushing Meadow, which begins on August 26. Several leading players, including Pete Sampras, were highly complimentary about the British No. 1 during Wimbledon but he knows his further progress will be doubly difficult from now on.

Clearly his outstanding performance in reaching the Wimbledon quarter-finals was in beating the French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov. What followed was routine until he met Todd Martin, the sort of honest, powerful and awkward player he must learn to beat regularly if he is to reach the top 20. Yet he has shown great resolve and mental toughness, and his rise in the last 12 months has been remarkable.

Buster Mottram (15) and John Lloyd (23) are the previously highest ranked British players since the first ATP list in 1973. Wimbledon success, albeit a little less rarefied than Henman's, lifted Danny Sapsford from 196 to 185, Mark Petchey from 302 to 188, Colin Beecher from 323 to 285 and Luke Milligan, Henman's third-round victim, from 278 to 217. One notable mover in the opposite direction was Greg Rusedski. Britain's

No. 2, now suffering from a hip injury, was ranked 33 earlier in the year and has dropped down to 72. Richard Krajicek's Wimbledon title lifted him to No. 8 in the rankings with Chile's Marcelo Rios, a recent entry into the top 10, slipping back. Rios chose not to play Wimbledon but will be a player to watch at the US Open. MaliVal Washington, runner-up to Krajicek on Sunday, has risen to No. 12, one below his highest ranking.

Soccer

Beck joins international set down by the Riverside

WITH Middlesbrough rapidly becoming the Premiership's most competitive team, the Danish international striker Mickel Beck is the latest foreign player to start training at the Riverside Stadium. He has signed for Bryan Robson's club after returning to the Premiership in Manchester on August 9 to explain his club's poor behaviour last season. Dean Saunders, the 31-year-old Wales striker, yesterday returned to the Premiership with Nottingham Forest in a £1.5 million move from Galatasaray. He trained with his

new team-mates as Forest's manager Frank Clark agreed a £1m deal for the Croatia defender Nikola Jerkan. Manchester United still expect to tie up a £3.5m deal for the Slavia Prague and Czech Republic midfielder Karel Poborsky in the next few days even though United's legal director Maurice Watkins said yesterday "there has been a slight hitch". Aston Villa, meanwhile, expect to complete the signing of the 25-year-old Portugal right-back Fernando Nelsom from Sporting Lisbon. Queens Park Rangers must pay £350,000 to Tottenham for the striker Steve Slade, a tribunal ruled yesterday. Rangers had offered £100,000. Wrexham have agreed a fee of £100,000 for the Leicester defender Brian Carey.

Results

Soccer: Tottenham 2, Hull 1; Manchester United 2, Ipswich 1; Arsenal 2, Wimbledon 1; Liverpool 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Manchester City 2, Bolton 1; Everton 2, Derby County 1; Newcastle United 2, Coventry City 1; Aston Villa 2, Birmingham City 1; Chelsea 2, West Ham 1; Leeds United 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Southampton 2, Reading 1; Blackburn 2, Middlesbrough 1; Burnley 2, Millwall 1; Chelsea 2, Norwich City 1; Coventry City 2, Nottingham Forest 1; Everton 2, QPR 1. Rugby League: Hull FC 12, Wakefield Trinity 10; Leeds Rhinos 12, Bradford Bulls 10; Salford Red Devils 12, Huddersfield Giants 10; Wigan Warriors 12, Rochdale Hornets 10. 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## MORE JEERS THAN CHEERS AS ATHERTON NEARS A SECOND SERIES SUCCESS

England v India: third Test, fourth day

# More horror for Hick as England stall

Mike Selvey finds little to enthuse about in the somnolent setting of Trent Bridge

ANYONE with a love of bright cricket who happens to be in the vicinity of Trent Bridge today would do well to resist the temptation to turn up for the final day of the third Test and find something more stimulating — an exhibition of head-growing perhaps — to watch.

After four days on a flat-top the two sides have found themselves near enough on the same terms as they started. Once England had passed the follow-on figure with the last ball of Saturday's play the game was virtually condemned to a draw.

But so somnolent were proceedings yesterday that only 228 runs came from 91 overs. By the close the patience of the small crowd, unlike the batsmen's, was exhausted and they were reduced to jeering every run. "Boring, boring England" was near the mark.

With the home side on 850 for seven in reply to 521, and no compelling reason why they should try to set up a grand finale, the game will be a draw and so Mike Atherton will win his second series as captain and only England's fourth since 1985.

In an era where English cricket has slumped to the level of a butt for comedians' humour that is no mean achievement. With the exception of the crazy, last-ditch defeat in Cape Town, England have not lost a Test since the third against West Indies 11 matches ago.

Despite the ideas of Jagmohan Dalmiya, the prospective new chairman of the International Cricket Council, to beef up the game, draws are not, as one very old cricketer used to say, just for bathing in. Today's play, however, promises to be little more than going through the motions and deserves to be put out of its misery long before the official finishing time of 5.30pm.

There was just a chance yesterday that England, on what remained an extremely good batting pitch and assuming they had the inclination (and all the talk before the match was of being positive and not sitting on a lead), could have aimed for a reasonable advantage to put some pressure on India — if only to have the last word.

Instead, with batsmen finding no sort of touch against more excellent seam bowling from Srinath and Prasad, the day was devoid of intent. Nasser Hussain was unable to continue his innings, his fractured finger already creating doubt for the first Test against Pakistan in three weeks.

But Atherton, who might reasonably have had ideas of converting his century into a double and perhaps beyond, instead scratched around for an hour, scored 15 more runs and was out for 180.

There was 45 from Graham Thorpe, although he failed to convince, and a pleasant debut innings from Mark Ealham, who at least showed some positive intentions in making 51 before spooning a catch to backward point.

Perhaps the most telling in-

nings of the day, however, came from Graeme Hick, the peaks and troughs of whose Test career are beginning to resemble an Alpine stage of the Tour de France. Each time he struggles to the top and looks like pulling on the yellow jersey, he falls off his bike. This series has been an abomination for him, with scores of eight, one and six in the previous two matches followed by an excruciating 30 yesterday in two hours and 30 minutes.

Hick, with 87 first-class hundreds to his name, is regarded as the prime thunderbolt in the England side. A year ago he scored a century on this ground in emphatic response to being omitted from the previous match and at last, with an orthodox stance and an open declaration of toughness, he began to look the part.

So, for a player of his stature to arrive at the crease with the score at 386 for three and then not even attempt to seize the initiative smacked of all the old insecurity. This is Hick's sixth summer as an England player and in four of the previous five he has failed to make it through a complete series. Although he has been up against two superb bowlers in Srinath and Prasad, the looming prospect of Wasim, Waqar and the rest will make neither him nor the selectors sleep soundly tonight.

India worked hard and plegmatically for their wickets with Srinath and Prasad bowling unchanged almost through the first session and Raju enjoying a lengthy spell of left-arm spin in the afternoon. Atherton was the first to go, caught low down at third slip off Prasad; it was an end that might have come at any time during the previous 7½ hours.

Thereafter the bowlers shared the wickets, Ganguly producing the classic inswinger to the left-handed Thorpe, Hick heaving horribly across a ball pitching in the rough and hitting a stonking leading edge to wide mid-on, Russell caught at the wicket without scoring and Lewis leg-before to Kumble's quicker ball after getting the benefit of the doubt when Srinath hit glove and helmet and Mongia took the catch.

### Scoreboard

INDIA vs ENGLAND (overnight 322-1)

1st Innings (overnight 322-1)

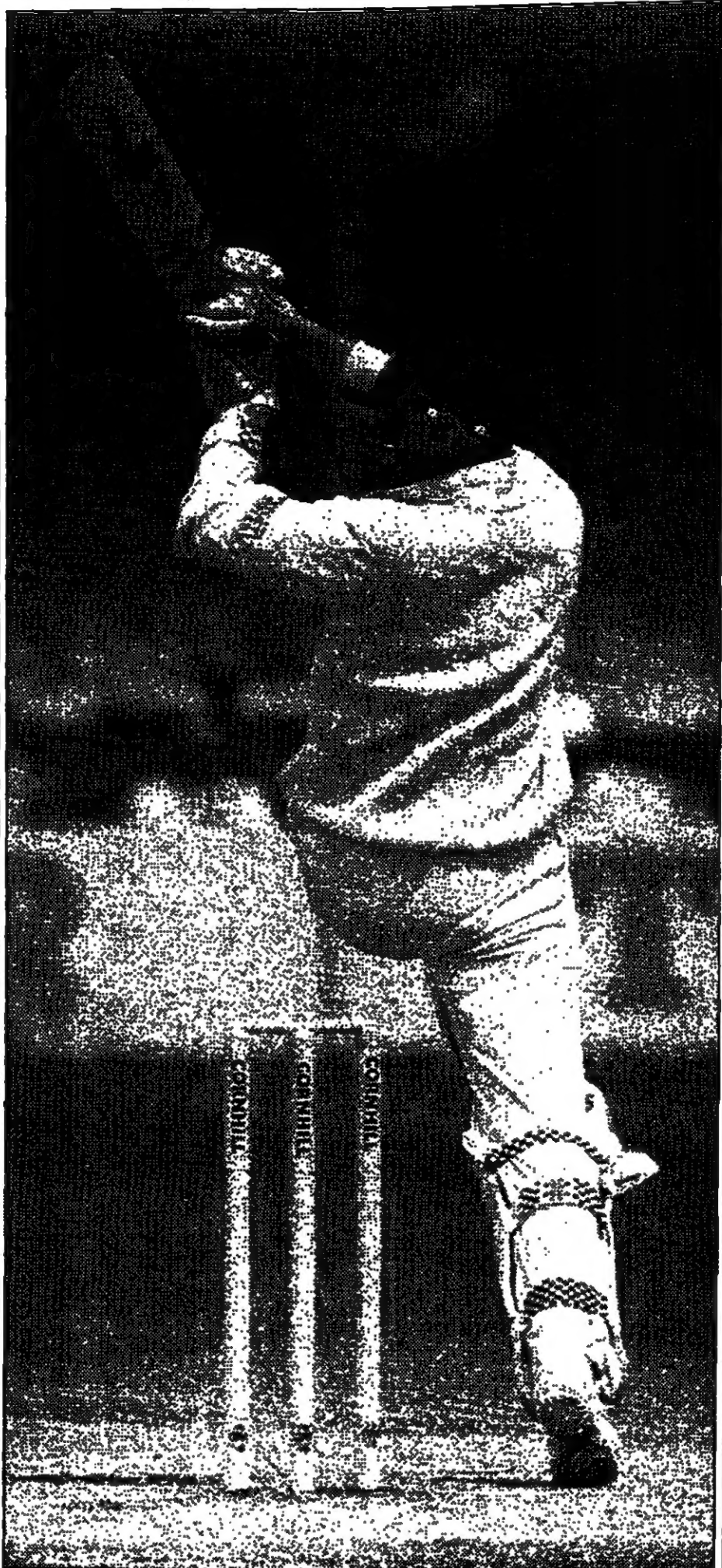
M A Atherton c Manjrekar b Prasad	180
N Hussain	10
G A Hick c Srinath b Raju	45
M Ealham c Srinath b Prasad	51
G Thorpe	45
C Lewis	15
D G Cook not out	0
M M Patel not out	22
Extras (b16, lb16, nb14)	46
Total (91 ov, 194 overs)	521

2nd Innings (overnight 322-1)

M A Atherton	180
N Hussain	10
G A Hick	45
M Ealham	51
G Thorpe	45
C Lewis	15
D G Cook	0
M M Patel	22
Extras (b16, lb16, nb14)	46
Total (91 ov, 194 overs)	521

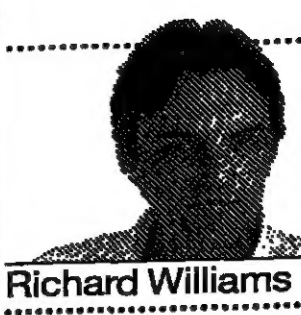
3rd Innings (overnight 322-1)

M A Atherton	180
N Hussain	10
G A Hick	45
M Ealham	51
G Thorpe	45
C Lewis	15
D G Cook	0
M M Patel	22
Extras (b16, lb16, nb14)	46
Total (91 ov, 194 overs)	521



The happy hooker... Atherton hits hard to the boundary yesterday to disturb the calm as he ploughed resolutely on his way past 150. PHOTOGRAPH: LAURENCE GRIFFITHS

## The price of fame and Hill to pay



Richard Williams

IT'S hard to feel sorry for someone earning in the region of £100,000 a week, as Damon Hill does. But this week he is going to earn every last penny of it. Hill gets the money partly for driving a racing car, a perilous business which is such enormous fun that nobody thinks about the danger while he is actually doing it, and also for being a walking, talking billboard. In that capacity he has to wear some pretty embarrassing gear while shaking hands with a lot of strangers, and to put up with the kind of scrutiny which makes you think twice about scoffing at the Muslim belief that having your photograph taken removes a layer of your soul.

Still, most weeks I wouldn't mind being Hill. Not just for the money, either. In the past I'd have swapped places with Stirling Moss or Jim Clark, neither of whom made a fraction of his money. But I don't think that being Hill this particular week would come at the top of my wish list. For between now and Sunday it will be his turn for the spotlight in the parade of heroes that makes up our summer of sport.

destiny, he followed his father into Formula One. And when he got there and found himself surrounded by sycophants and intriguers, he closed up.

He had to teach himself to open out again, and in the process his honesty often betrayed him — particularly when Michael Schumacher's skill at psychological warfare made it look like naivety. He came out for this season knowing that it was make-or-break time. "The learning curve has been very steep," he told me in February, "but I feel more professional about myself now."

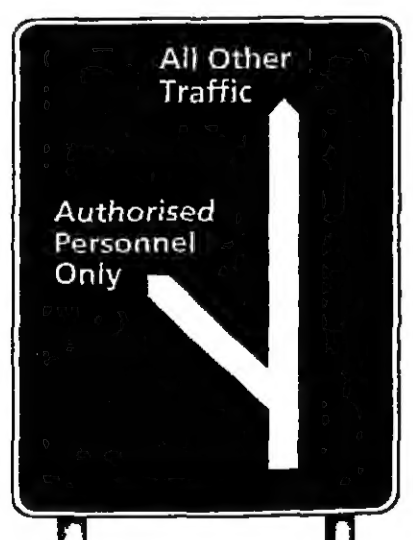
And indeed he has seemed a changed man, far more relaxed than the twitchy, tetchy figure glimpsed in the darker days of 1994 and 1995. Some of this serenity is down to taking professional advice, a sort of calm-therapy, and some is down to the confidence engendered by success. "You can be serene if you're in a strong position," Patrick Head, the Williams team's technical director, told me back in April, when Hill was about to win his third race in a row. "But the best comes when somebody comes back at you. The question is, will he be so serene when Ferrari or Benetton get their cars right?"

The proposition has yet to be put to the full test since neither of those teams have managed to reach the level of Hill's Williams-Renault, despite Schumacher's brilliant debut victory for Ferrari in the rain at Barcelona. But there is another way of looking at it.

PERHAPS the failures of Ferrari and Benetton are due in part to Hill's ability to motivate his team, by example and hard graft, to stay ahead in the technical battle. This may be where his five fraught years with Williams are really paying off — and if he wins the championship it will be a convincing riposte to those who say that he succeeded only because he was in the best car while Schumacher was coming to terms with a troubled new team.

Still, he is probably in for a hell of a week. Those who know that Ferrari usually go well at Silverstone would be surprised to see Schumacher and Eddie Irvine at the front of the grid on Saturday night. The tabloids might find it harder to understand. That is the price of the life he has now. Being rich and adored by the multitude is fun, most of the time, but this is the week when the dues are paid in full.

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## Sukova goes on and on into double overtime

Richard Jago at Wimbledon

HELENA SUKOVA played more sets for more hours than in any day of her 20-year career to complete an exhausting and emotional double here yesterday which sees her holding two Grand Slam titles for the first time.

Fully seven hours and eight sets after completing the two games which took her and Martina Hingis to the women's doubles title at 11.30 am, Sukova and her younger brother Cyril Suk celebrated a victory over the top-seeded Mark Woodforde and Larisa Neiland by 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 for the mixed doubles.

Both had won the title before but never together and it was a particularly poignant family success because their late mother.



Sukova... family fortune

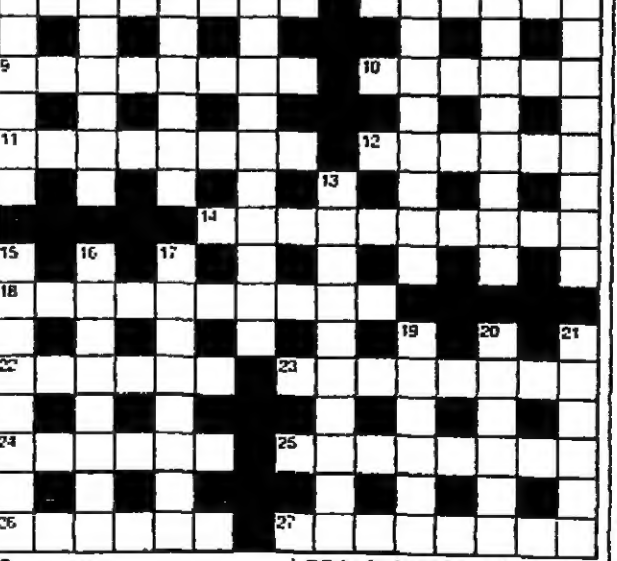
Vera Sukova, had been runner-up in the singles 31 years ago. "It feels completely different to win with each other and special because I was thinking of our mother and how she

would be very happy to see us do it," said Cyril. It was not easy. After her first title Helena struggled and the family combo was 6-7 and 7-3 down against the Americans Luke Jensen — complete with cricket gear — and Nicole Arendt before winning 6-3, 2-6, 10-8. An hour later they took on the No. 2 seeds, Grant Connell and Lindsay Davenport, whom they dispatched 6-1, 6-2.

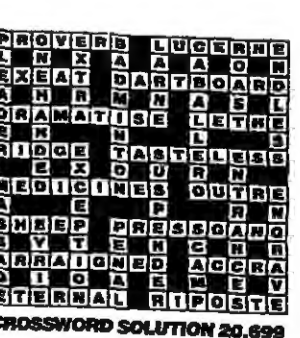
By then it had gone 4 pm, and Helena's four hours and 23 minutes of court time was surpassed by the 4hr 36min already put in by Neiland, due to be a losing finalist twice in one day. Come 7 pm and Sukova was twice a champion, paid £104,000 for her overtime and beyond simple tiredness. "It's hard to describe the feeling — perhaps spaced out, as though I'm not here," she said.

### Guardian Crossword No 20,700

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- Across**
- Taxi overturned by a cart conveying game (8)
  - Overtime alternative for journalist (6)
  - Dance for two musical instruments (8)
  - Assembled in sound part of ship (6)
  - Instrument Mr Heath ruined? (8)
  - Cross-bench? (8)
  - Make difficult work of a sentence (4,6)
  - Not a single variation nevertheless (3,3,4)
  - Parent in ecstasy? (6)
  - Hats ordered by county town of Uzbekistan (8)
  - Nine word vacillating dean to support measure (8)
  - Natural ability led up at outset (8)
- Down**
- Act as auxiliaries (6)
  - Dickensian container (6)
  - A quiet chime-call (6)
  - Sufficient reason for a politician to use lace trimming (5,5)
  - Draw on delunct form of energy (4,4)
  - One willing to try and bring back routine (8)
  - Bird of colourful origin (8)
  - Part of body that goes very soft in water (5,5)
  - Window when set in mortar (8)
  - Ill-conceived article about first navigational instrument (8)



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- Clergymen outspoken after 188 (8)
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